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## Syrian army steps in as US retreats

Troops enter towns in northeast as Turkey warns of wider offensive

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Syrian troops are welcomed as they enter Ain Issa, north of Raqqq, Syria, on Monday.

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## Real people, events inspire military storylines in NBC show 'This Is Us'

By NIKKI WENTLING  
*Stars and Stripes*

WASHINGTON — The fourth season of the Emmy-winning TV show "This Is Us" has introduced a female Marine, whom viewers first see in Afghanistan on a video call with her husband. The tearful call abruptly ends when a superior officer yells out her last name — "Sharp!"

The character's name, Cassidy Sharp, is an homage to a real-world Marine: Lance Cpl. Charles "Seth" Sharp, who was killed in Afghanistan on July 2, 2009, as his unit pushed into the Taliban-controlled Helmand province. He was 20 and the first Marine killed in the offensive.

Ric Sharp, Seth's father, watched the season premiere of the NBC drama last month, along with 7.7 million other viewers.

"It gave me cold chills," Sharp said in an interview with Stars and Stripes. "I teared up. I'm tearing up right now."

Cassidy Sharp is an amalgam of real people — her name, gender and experiences all inspired by servicemembers, some killed in action like Navy Chief Petty Officer Shannon Kent and others still alive. The direction for another character this season, Vietnam War veteran Nicky Pearson, was also crafted from real-world stories.

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Cassidy Sharp, a character in the NBC drama "This Is Us" played by Jennifer Morrison, right, was inspired by multiple real-life servicemembers.

NBC/Universal



PACIFIC

# Japan cancels fleet review after typhoon

BY CAITLIN DOORNBOS  
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YOKOSUKA NAVAL BASE, Japan — The Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force canceled an international fleet review planned for Monday to focus instead on disaster relief in the wake of Typhoon Hagibis.

The deadly storm battered Sagami Bay, the scheduled site of the review, as it moved eastward from the Izu Peninsula, where it made landfall about 7 p.m. Saturday, to the Miura Peninsula, where Yokosuka Port is located.

The JMSDF canceled the event to "expand all possible means to disaster relief efforts," according to a Sunday news release.

Officials were unsure of the number of casualties on Monday. Japanese media reported that Hagibis had left dozens dead, nearly 200 injured and many missing with rescue efforts for stranded residents still underway.

The storm, described as the strongest to hit Japan in decades, brought heavy rain and sustained winds of up to 90 mph.

Rivers draining the Kanto Plain, home to many Tokyo-area military bases, surged over their banks in some places, flooding wide swaths.

The city of Yokosuka, where the ships were gathering, was hit by power outages, torn roofs, and downed trees and traffic lights in the storm.

Monday's review would have involved 46 vessels and 40 aircraft from Japan and seven other nations, including the U.S., Canada,

Singapore, the United Kingdom, India, Australia and, for the first time, China.

Japan and China exchanged visits by naval vessels this year despite an ongoing dispute over ownership of a chain of small islands in the East China Sea called the Senkakus in Japan and the Diaoyu in China.

The Chinese guided-missile destroyer Taiyuan arrived Thursday at Yokosuka Port ahead of the storm and less than a mile from Yokosuka Naval Base, home of the U.S. 7th Fleet.

The JMSDF held a welcoming ceremony for the ship at the pier, public broadcaster NHK reported.

In April, Japan sent a guided-missile destroyer, the JS Suzutsuki, to Qingdao for the Chinese navy's international fleet review, the first JMSDF visit to China in seven years.

The U.S. Navy planned to send its destroyer the USS Mustin.

Japan snubbed another ally, South Korea, this year as the two countries feud over trade policy and information-sharing.

The JMSDF had already canceled previous events, including public access to its vessels on Saturday and Sunday, as forecasts put Hagibis on track for eastern Japan.

However, ticket holders who expected to board those ships during preview events or the review itself were told they could still do so at Yoshikura and Funakoshi piers in Yokosuka and the Kisarazu public pier in Chiba prefecture from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday, according to the JMSDF



JAE C. HONG/AP

**Typhoon-damaged cars sit on a street covered with mud Monday in Hoyasu, Japan. Seeking to focus on disaster relief, the Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force canceled an international fleet review.**

statement.

The JMSDF does not plan to reschedule this year's fleet review; the next one is set for 2022, according to a spokesman. Government spokespersons in Japan commonly provide information on condition they are not personally identified.

The fleet reviews are scheduled every three years.

This is the third time a Japanese fleet review was canceled and the first time in 50 years, the spokesman said. Typhoons in 1958 and 1959 canceled the events.

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**Hisako Satake, 87, takes shelter from Typhoon Hagibis at an elementary school gym in Kawagoe, Japan, on Monday.**

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## MILITARY

# Show: Marine Corps veteran serving as a technical consultant

## FROM FRONT PAGE

The focus on real people and true events in the show's military-centric storylines is largely due to James LaPorta, a Marine Corps veteran and Newsweek reporter who was hired by NBC as a technical consultant for "This Is Us." Using the stories of servicemembers and veterans he knew or wrote about, as well as his own experiences, LaPorta helped the writers shape season four.

"Hollywood seems to be optimistic in terms of wanting to get it right," LaPorta said. "But it did seem, for a long time, there were only caricatures of veterans. They were either incredibly heroic or incredibly broken. Everything in the first episode and in following episodes, I can tie to either my own experiences, someone else's or a fact or statistic."

New episodes air Tuesdays on NBC and Wednesdays on the American Forces Network.

## Telling his story

"This Is Us" follows the lives of three siblings — Kevin, Kate and Randall — and their parents, Jack and Rebecca Pearson. It's primarily based in the present, with flashbacks and flash-forwards.

LaPorta, 32, was a fan of the show from its launch in 2016. There was a moment in season two that particularly struck him: when the show's protagonist, Vietnam War veteran Jack Pearson, gave some advice to his son, Randall, near the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington.

"Jack says he came home from war and was off-balance for a long time. He tells Randall, 'You're going to find balance again, lose it and find it again,'" LaPorta said. "And that ... I needed to hear that right at that moment."

"I know it's fictional, it's just a story. I get all that. But in that show, everything is taken from a real-life thing."

In season three, writers introduced a plot involving the Vietnam War. LaPorta took notice of its historical accuracy and discovered NBC had hired Tim O'Brien as a consultant. O'Brien, a novelist, wrote "The Things They Carried," a collection of stories inspired by his own experiences in the Vietnam War.

LaPorta, who reports on national security and the Department of Defense for Newsweek, wrote a story about O'Brien's involvement in the show. Following their interview, "This Is Us" creator Dan Fogelman extended an open invitation for LaPorta to visit the set.

Months later, while reporting in California, LaPorta stopped by. At that point, writers were planning for the fourth season. "I was wondering whether military storylines, acknowledging the popularity of their focus

on the Vietnam War.

LaPorta, who was an infantryman in Afghanistan, was brought into the writer's room. What was supposed to be a 15-minute conversation about his military service turned into two hours.

"There were tissues all over the place; it was really a long therapy session," LaPorta said. "I laid out part of my story, and out of that was born Cassidy."

## 'Getting it right'

Season four of "This Is Us" premiered Sept. 24, and the fourth episode airs this week. What viewers have seen from Cassidy Sharp (played by Jennifer Morrison) and Nicky Pearson (Griffin Dunne) has been rooted in reality.

In the first episode, Cassidy, back in the U.S. and struggling with post-traumatic stress disorder, experiences a flashback and strikes her young son. LaPorta has a similar story, though he didn't hit anyone.

A few years ago, his son, about 3 at the time, was jumping up and down to a song — "Ho Hey" by the Lumineers — and LaPorta was transported back to Afghanistan, where he watched a 5-year-old Afghan boy jump on an IED.

In episode three, Nicky's experience at a vet center also contained similarities to LaPorta's history. In the opening montage to the episode, viewers see Nicky form a bond with his counselor and make strides with his sobriety — just to see it fall apart when his counselor is transferred to another facility.

LaPorta sought therapy when he returned from a 2009 deployment to Afghanistan. He built a rapport with a counselor at Parris Island in South Carolina and was "devastated" when the doctor accepted a job elsewhere.

LaPorta described watching that montage as a "gut punch," like he was watching himself.

"I felt like I was being abandoned and starting at square one with my own issues," LaPorta said. "I didn't want to have to tell my story again. I quit therapy for a long time. That's what happens with Nicky — that frustration."

The details are real, too.

One of the show writers noticed LaPorta nervously tap his chair, and they wrote that in as an aspect of Nicky's character. Cassidy's unit is LaPorta's — Echo Company, 2nd Battalion, 8th Marine Regiment.

And there are the small things that make the show accurate to real life, such as military-approved hairstyles, a correctly placed insignia, Afghan men with dyed beards and an allusion to Veteran Treatment Court.

"Since the first episode, I've been inundated with messages and emails from fellow Marines



James LaPorta

Then-Marine Sgt. James LaPorta, second from left, is seen on patrol in 2013 near the Garmsir district of Afghanistan, just south of Camp Dwyer.

and Gold Star families," said LaPorta, who lives in Delray Beach, Fla. "Servicemembers and veterans are really appreciative of just getting it right."

## 'They're not forgotten'

Though Cassidy's arc is inspired by LaPorta's story, and her name is Seth Sharp's, writers decided to make the character a female Marine. About the time the season was being written, Shannon Kent was in the news.

Navy Chief Petty Officer Shannon Mary Kent, part of a small, secretive cryptologic intelligence community, was killed Jan. 16 by a suicide bomber at a restaurant in the Syrian city of Manbij. The 35-year-old mother of two was the first female U.S. servicemember killed in Syria since the U.S.-led coalition's campaign against Islamic State began there in late 2014.

LaPorta wrote about Kent for Newsweek and took notice of the public's surprise at a woman participating in a high-level, classified mission.

"It seemed like, to the average American reader, it was sort of shocking. And that stood out to me as a problem," LaPorta said. "That means there's an underrepresentation of women and women serving in war."

Kent was part of the inspiration for Cassidy Sharp, as were two female Marines that LaPorta served alongside. Both served as human intelligence collectors, which was Cassidy Sharp's job.

Viewers watch in the first episode as Sharp pushes an Afghan woman for intelligence on a terrorist. During the scene, Sharp calls to another servicemember, "Lasher." That name is an homage too.

Lance Cpl. Jeremy Lasher, who served with LaPorta and Seth Sharp, was killed July 23, 2009, in Garmsir, Afghanistan. He was 27. Before the new season aired, LaPorta called the families of people to whom "This Is Us" paid tribute. Seth Sharp's father encouraged everyone he knew to watch.

"I wanted everyone that I knew to watch it — family, friends, people in the area," Ric Sharp said. "I was proud and just excited to know that his name is being re-



NBC/NBCU

Cassidy Sharp, a character in the NBC drama "This Is Us," portrays a Marine who returns from a deployment to Afghanistan struggling with post-traumatic stress disorder. Her character was inspired by multiple real-life servicemembers.



Nicky Pearson, also a character in the show, is a Vietnam War veteran with PTSD. His story arc in season four is based on experiences of real-life veterans.

RON BATZDORFF/NBC

membered. I'm a firm believer that when you say their names, they're not forgotten."

LaPorta wanted to warn Sharp's family of one moment in the show when Cassidy Sharp returns to the U.S. and exits a cab to be greeted by her friends and family. In the background,

a neighbor holds a hand-written sign that reads, "Welcome back Sharp."

"It dawned on me that, 'Oh, Sharp never got that,'" LaPorta said. "That's something his family didn't get to experience."

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## MILITARY

# Military court to hear double jeopardy case

By ROSE L. THAYER  
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An Army colonel convicted in military and federal courts of possessing child pornography is challenging his military conviction based on double jeopardy in an appeal to be heard Wednesday.

The issue before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces is not whether Col. Robert J. Rice is guilty of his crimes but whether his military conviction should be thrown out based on the Fifth Amendment. Known as the double jeopardy clause, the amendment does not allow successive prosecution for the same offense after conviction. Before pleading guilty in military court, Rice was found guilty by a jury in federal court.

During federal sentencing in the Middle District of Pennsylvania and in a previous appeals case with the Army Criminal Court of Appeals, judges recognized that Rice was charged twice for certain aspects of his crimes. Instead of removing the military conviction, the judges took other actions, such as reducing his constitutional rights.

The Army appeals court heard Rice's case last year and described it in their written opinion

as a "debacle."

"What happened in this case should not happen again," Lt. Col. Deidra Fleming, a judge for the Army appeals court, wrote in the opinion released Dec. 18. "Divvying up charges in a constitutionally dubious manner imperils the fair and efficient administration of justice."

However, when Rice was sentenced in federal court, his attorneys filed a motion related to the duplicated charge, and Rice was not sentenced for it. For that reason, the Army appeals court believed that "as long as the results of one trial go away, the Constitution is not offended," wrote Lt. Col. Stefan R. Wolfe, senior judge on the Army appeals court.

Stephen Vladeck, an attorney in Austin, Texas, on Rice's legal team, said that's not how the double jeopardy clause works.

"The whole point is to prohibit the second trial, period, no matter what happens with the first trial," he said. "It's a weird case because it's a very unusual problem."

The team looked for other examples where double jeopardy was identified and the remedy was something other than dismissal. They said they did not find one.

"The central question before

the court of appeals is what is the proper remedy when a servicemember is tried in a court-martial in a way that violated the double jeopardy clause?" he said.

It's also rare, Vladeck said, "that you have the case that the lower court refers to as a debacle. Especially when it doesn't prevent the debacle from occurring" again.

If Rice prevails and the military conviction is dismissed, the Army would likely have to

revisit Rice's standing in the service. His military sentence issued October 2016 included four years in prison and a military discharge upon release.

However, Vladeck said if Rice loses, it "would give servicemembers far less protection from double jeopardy than everybody else."

Rice, a 37-year Army veteran, received a 12-year sentence in federal court in December 2016 and is currently serving his federal and military sentences concurrently at Midwest Joint Regional Correctional Facility in

Fort Leavenworth, Kan., according to court documents.

Rice was indicted in May 2014 on federal charges of possessing and receiving child pornography while stationed at the U.S. Army War College in Carlisle, Pa., according to court documents. His wife suspected Rice was using dating websites to cheat on her, so she purchased and installed software on his computer to gather evidence.

Upon discovering child pornography on the computer, she turned the information over to local police.

During the investigation, about 10,000 images were found on Rice's personal computer and on an external hard drive.

Military prosecutors and prosecutors with the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Middle District of Pennsylvania divided the charges and, in doing so, charged Rice for possession of child pornography on one of the devices twice — once in each court.

During arguments Wednesday, Rice's legal team, which also includes two military attorneys, will argue that precedent from the Supreme Court "makes abundantly clear that the only remedy" for double jeopardy in this case is to dismiss Rice's military convictions.

Military attorneys on behalf of the government counter that if the Army appeals court erred in its decision to call the charges double jeopardy in their written opinion, stating that the court incorrectly analyzed Rice's convictions, according to court documents.

The Armed Forces appeals court is based in Washington but occasionally hears cases at law schools around the country as part of an educational outreach program.

Rice's case will be heard Wednesday at J. Reuben Clark Law School at Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah.

"I think it's a great vehicle for an outreach case," said Vladeck, who is a law professor at the University of Texas at Austin. "It's not a hypertechnical case about the [Uniform Code of Military Justice]. It's both important and accessible to the students and aspiring military lawyers in the audience."

It is also the first case of the year for the appeals court. After arguments, the five civilian judges on the panel will discuss the case and issue an opinion in the following months.

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Rice

## Statue of black pilot unveiled at Ga. base museum

Associated Press

ATLANTA — A black fighter pilot who fought for the French Foreign Legion during World War I was honored with a statue at Robins Air Force Base in Georgia.

The bronze statue of Eugene Bullard was unveiled Wednesday at the base near Warner Robins in front of a crowd that included his descendants, U.S. troops and French officials, the Atlanta Journal-Constitution reported.

Bullard was from Georgia but went to Europe in the early 20th century after his father was nearly lynched, the newspaper reported. He joined France's air service after fighting the Germans during World War I.

The U.S. military was segregated at the time and would not accept him as a pilot because of his race. Bullard in 1994 was posthumously commissioned second lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force.

"You must remember that years ago, most people were pretty sure that if you had black skin, you were probably pretty stupid, you probably couldn't fly a sophisticated machine like an airplane," Hillard Pouncy Jr. said. "This guy proved you can."

Pouncy, 97, was one of the original Tuskegee Airmen and attended Wednesday's unveiling.

The monument was paid for with private donations. Bullard is shown in his military uniform. Sculptor Gregory Johnson told the Journal-Constitution he used several black-and-white photos of Bullard to design it.

"To have the courage at age 19 to join the fabled French Foreign Legion and volunteer to fly at a time when aviation was far more dangerous and unproven and, frankly, when pilots had an exceptionally short service life, this is nothing short of heroic,"



PHOTOS BY BOB ANDRES, THE ATLANTA JOURNAL-CONSTITUTION/AP

Harriett Bullard White, a descendant of Eugene Bullard, gets a hug from Lt. Col. Christopher Banks after the unveiling of a statue of Bullard on Wednesday at the Museum of Aviation near Robins Air Force Base in Georgia.

said Col. Brian Moore, commander of 78th Air Base Wing at Robins Air Force Base.

Bullard eventually returned to the U.S., where he worked as a longshoreman and security guard.

He died in 1961 after being diagnosed with intestinal cancer. Two years before his death, he was given France's presti-

gious Legion of Honour award.

"I'm so proud right now just to be a part of this experience and to witness recognition that is long overdue," said Terrence Chester, who was among nearly two dozen Bullard family descendants who attended Wednesday's ceremony. "Words cannot really express my emotions."



The statue of Bullard identifies him as the first African American fighter pilot.



## MIDEAST

# Iran's Guard says it has arrested exiled journalist

By NASSER KARIMI  
Associated Press

TEHRAN, Iran — Iran's paramilitary Revolutionary Guard said Monday it arrested an exiled journalist who helped fan the flames of nationwide economic protests that struck the country at the end of 2017.

Meanwhile, Iran's president said his country was prepared to begin using even more-advanced centrifuges as its nuclear deal with world powers collapses.

The Guard and a later announcement on state television did not explain how authorities detained Ruhollah Zam, who ran a website called AmadNews that posted embarrassing videos and information about Iranian officials. He had been living and working in exile in Paris.

The Guard said Zam was "guided into the country" before the arrest. His channel on the en-

cryptured messaging app Telegram was apparently taken hold of too, as a message noting his arrest went to its 1 million subscribers.

An announcement on state television called Zam a "special prey." It said his detention was a victory of the Guard's intelligence department over Western services.

The report described Zam as the head of a network of psychological warfare by Iran's enemies. The Guard alleged Zam was supported by the intelligence services of the U.S., France and Israel, something the journalist had denied.

A channel he ran on Telegram spread messages about upcoming protests in 2017 and shared videos from the demonstrations, which occurred across some 75 cities and towns. While the protests ultimately stopped, Iran's economy has worsened after President Donald Trump unilat-



BERAHIM NOROOZI/AP

Iranian President Hassan Rouhani announced on Monday that his nation will begin working with advanced IR-9 centrifuges amid the collapse of its nuclear deal with world powers.

erally withdrew America from Iran's nuclear deal and imposed crippling sanctions on its oil industry.

Telegram shut down the channel over Iranian government complaints it spread information about how to make gasoline bombs. The channel later continued under a different name.

It's hard to overstate the power of Telegram in Iran. Of its 80 mil-

lion people, an estimated 40 million use the free app created by Russian national Pavel Durov. Its clients share videos and photos, subscribing to groups where everyone from politicians to poets broadcast to fellow users.

While authorities ban social media websites like Facebook and Twitter and censor others, Telegram users can say nearly anything. In the last presidential

election, the app played a big role in motivating turnout and spreading political screeds.

Later Monday, Iranian President Hassan Rouhani announced his nation would begin working with advanced IR-9 centrifuges. It's unclear what those centrifuges can do, though Iran has a host of advanced centrifuges that enrich uranium more rapidly than those allowed under the accord.

## Afghan officials say election results coming later this month

By RAHIM FAJIZ  
Associated Press

KABUL, Afghanistan — Afghanistan's delayed presidential election results should be ready later this month after technical problems with the counting, its Independent Election Commission said Monday.

Afghans voted in presidential elections earlier last month despite Taliban threats and violence. However, the polling was marred by widespread misconduct and accusations of fraud — as well as controversy over what appeared to be low turnout and claims from a lead contender, Abdullah Abdullah, that he had won the vote.

Hawa Am Nuristani, head of the IEC, said that the goal is to meet the deadline for announcing the preliminary results on Saturday.

She said that the data of more than 1 million voters has been successfully transferred to serv-

ers after technical problems with biometric devices used in the voting process.

The U.N. Assistance Mission in Afghanistan urged in a statement Sunday that the electoral commission safeguard and properly complete the election process.

"Afghan citizens braved security threats to cast their votes for a better future. Those voters deserve to be commended for carrying out their civic duty," said the U.N. statement.

The statement called on all Afghan authorities and actors — including the government and the candidates — to "protect the integrity of the process, especially with regard to tabulating and announcing the results."

Over the weekend, Asadullah Saadati, the running mate of Abdullah, alleged systematic fraud in the elections.

Saadati said that their team has emphasized that only ballots from the biometric system should

be used in counting.

Meanwhile, in the capital Kabul, a high school principal was shot and killed in front of his home early Monday by unknown gunmen, according to the city police chief's office.

Sayed Ziauddin, the principle of Abdul Ghafour Nadim high school, was returning to his home when he was attacked and killed.

In a separate incident Monday morning again in Kabul, three mortars struck close to the

country's parliament building, according to the police chief's office. There were no casualties or damages.

No one immediately claimed responsibility for the attacks in the capital.

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## WAR

# Syrian troops enter towns in northeast

## Turkish leader warns of wider offensive

By ERIN CUNNINGHAM, SARAH DADOUCH AND KAREEM FAHIM  
The Washington Post

ISTANBUL — Forces loyal to Syrian President Bashar Assad took up positions Monday in several key towns across northeastern Syria, state media and a war monitoring group reported, following a last-minute agreement with local Kurdish fighters to ward off a Turkish assault.

Syrian troops deployed to Ain Issa and Tabqa — on the outskirts of Raqqa — and raised the Syrian flag over government buildings in cities such as Qamishli and Hasakeh, according to pro-government media. One report, in al-Watan newspaper, said government forces had reached the towns of Kobane, a garrison for Syrian Kurdish militants, and Manbij, where U.S. troops had been stationed.

In Ain Issa, the headquarters of the Kurdish-led administration, government troops arrived atop pickup trucks waving Syrian flags, according to images published by state news agency, SANA.

The return of Assad's forces to northeastern Syria, while welcomed by some residents amid the Turkish offensive, marks a stunning reversal for Syrian Kurdish authorities, whose fighters controlled a wide swath of territory and enjoyed U.S. military and financial support in their battle against Islamic State.

On Monday, President Donald Trump suggested, without evidence, that Kurdish forces may have purposely released some ISIS prisoners amid the fight-

ing to prevent U.S. troops from withdrawing from the region. On Sunday, hundreds of ISIS family members escaped a detention camp in Ain Issa after Turkish shellfire hit the area.

"Europe had a chance to get their ISIS prisoners but didn't want the cost," Trump said on Twitter, referring to citizens of European nations who had joined ISIS but are now in captivity in Syria.

"Kurds may be releasing some to get us involved," he said. "Do people really think we should go to war with NATO member Turkey?"

Turkish officials view the Kurdish fighters — known as the Syrian Democratic Forces, or SDF — as terrorists for their links to the Kurdistan Workers' Party, or PKK, which has waged a decades-long war for autonomy inside Turkey. Its military launched the operation with allied Syrian rebels last week to oust the SDF from the Syrian-Turkish border, where it planned to install a buffer zone. The operation has helped unravel the U.S. mission in northern Syria, prompting Trump to order the withdrawal of all U.S. troops in the coming weeks.

President Recep Tayyip Erdogan hinted Monday at a broadening of the Turkish offensive, saying Turkey was "in the process of implementing our decision on the subject of Manbij," a Syrian town about 25 miles west of the Euphrates River. Turkey had long demanded that the United States expel Kurdish fighters from the town and complained that a deal struck with Washington to remove the fighters was not



SANA/AP

A resident hugs a Syrian soldier shortly after Syrian troops entered the northern town of Tal Tammr on Monday.

being implemented.

It was not clear whether Erdogan was suggesting that an offensive on the town was imminent, amid reports that Syrian government troops were also headed to Manbij. "When Manbij is evacuated, the real owners will enter there," he said, referring to Syrian Arabs.

The announcement by the SDF that they had reached an agreement with Assad's Iran- and Russia-backed government further undermined the prospect of any continued U.S. presence in the country. The deal will bring forces loyal to Assad back into towns and cities that have been under Kurdish control for seven years.

Defense Secretary Mark Esper told CBS News on Sunday that Turkey decided to send ground troops into northern Syria despite the U.S. urging Ankara to reconsider, and that the fighting put U.S. forces in an untenable situation.

"An agreement has been reached with the Syrian government — whose duty it is to protect

the country's borders and preserve Syrian sovereignty — for the Syrian army to enter and deploy along the Syrian-Turkish border to help the SDF stop this aggression" by Turkey, the SDF said in a statement.

U.S. officials declined to confirm local media reports that troops had pulled out of the towns of Manbij and Kobane, where local officials confirmed they had agreed to allow Syrian troops to deploy.

Witnesses said celebratory gunfire erupted in parts of the town of Qamishli as Syrian troop reinforcements flew into the local airport, according to a Kurdish security official, who spoke on the condition of anonymity out of safety concerns. He said local Kurdish forces had been ordered not to confront Syrian troops, who arrived to bolster a small contingent of government forces that had remained in the city after Kurdish forces took it over in 2012.

The deal followed three days of negotiations brokered by Russia

between the Syrian government and the SDF, which had reached the conclusion that it could no longer count on the United States, its chief ally for the past five years in the fight against ISIS, according to a Kurdish intelligence official who spoke on the condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to speak to the news media.

Events on Sunday highlighted the rapid deterioration of both the SDF's and the United States' ability to contain swifter-than-expected Turkish advances deep into Syrian territory.

As Turkey-backed Syrian rebels approached the town of Ain Issa, 20 miles from the Turkish border, hundreds of ISIS family members escaped from a camp housing displaced people, taking advantage of the mayhem that ensued as Turkish artillery pounded the area.

The claim that ISIS-linked families had escaped could not be independently confirmed.

## US troops scramble for the exits, prepare to evacuate equipment

By ROBERT BURNS  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — U.S. troops scrambled for Syria's exits Monday while the Trump administration threatened economic penalties on Turkey for an invasion that opened the door to a resurgence of Islamic State — the fighters who were the reason U.S. forces went in the first place.

The Turks began attacks in Syria against the Kurds, longtime U.S. battlefield allies against ISIS, after President Donald Trump declared U.S. troops would stay out of the fight.

American troops consolidated their positions in northern Syria and prepared to evacuate equipment in advance of a full withdrawal as Turkish forces pressed an offensive against the Kurds, a U.S. defense official said.

The preparations, triggered by Trump's decision Saturday to expand a limited troop pullout into a complete withdrawal, came as Trump's national security team

considered imposing what he called "big sanctions" on NATO ally Turkey.

The U.S. pullout raised many questions, including how and whether the Trump administration would continue putting military pressure on ISIS in Syria without a troop presence on the ground. U.S. forces have been there since 2015, arming and advising a Kurdish-led Syrian group of fighters who largely eliminated ISIS control of Syrian territory but were still working to prevent an ISIS resurgence.

The defense official, who was not authorized to be quoted by name, said U.S. officials were weighing options for the future of a counter-ISIS campaign, including the possibility of waging it with a combination of air power and special operations forces based outside Syria.

Defense Secretary Mark Esper said Sunday that Trump had directed U.S. troops in northern Syria to begin pulling out "as safely and quickly as possible." He did not say Trump ordered troops to leave Syria, but that seemed like the next step in a combat zone growing more un-

stable by the hour. Esper said the U.S. withdrawal would be done carefully to protect the troops and to ensure that no U.S. equipment was left behind. He declined to say how long that might take.

Trump defended his gamble that pulling U.S. forces out of Syria would not weaken U.S. security and credibility. He wrote on Twitter on Monday that the ISIS prisoners who have escaped amid the pandemonium in Syria can be "easily recaptured" by Turkey or European nations, even as France said it was pulling its remaining troops out of Syria.

"Big sanctions on Turkey coming!" Trump wrote. Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin said that while no final decision on sanctions had been made, the president's national security team was meeting again to consider a way ahead.

Esper, interviewed on two TV news shows, said the administration was considering its options.

"We have American forces likely caught between two opposing advancing armies, and it's a very untenable situa-

tion," Esper said.

The Pentagon chief did not say U.S. troops were leaving Syria entirely. The only other U.S. presence in Syria is at Tanf garrison, near Syria's eastern border with Jordan. The U.S. and coalition troops there are not involved in the Kurd mission, so it seems highly unlikely the 1,000 being moved from the north would go to Tanf.

Critics say the U.S. has betrayed the Kurds by pulling back in the face of Turkey's invasion, but Esper said the administration was left with little choice once Erdogan told Trump a week ago that he was going ahead with a military offensive. Esper said the Kurds have been good partners, "but at the same time, we didn't sign up to fight the Turks on their behalf."

The Kurds then turned to the Syrian government and Russia for military assistance, further complicating the battlefield.

## NATION

# Envoy to say Ukraine deal denial came from Trump

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A U.S. ambassador is expected to tell Congress that his text message reassuring another envoy that there was no quid pro quo in their interactions with Ukraine was based solely on what President Donald Trump told him, according to a person familiar with his coming testimony in the impeachment probe.

Gordon Sondland, Trump's hand-picked ambassador to the European Union, is among administration officials being subpoenaed to appear on Capitol Hill this week against the wishes of the White House. It's the latest test between the legislative and executive branches of government as the impeachment inquiry by House Democrats deepens.

On Monday, the House panels leading the investigation expect to hear from Fiona Hill, a former top National Security Council expert on Russia.

Sondland's appearance, set for Thursday, comes after a cache of text messages from top envoys provided a vivid account of their work acting as intermediaries around the time Trump urged Ukraine's new president, Volodymyr Zelenskyy, to start investigations into a company linked to the son of a chief Democratic presidential rival, Joe Biden.

One witness who may not be called before Congress is the still-anonymous government whistleblower who touched off the impeachment inquiry. Top Democrats



ANDREW HARRIK/AP

**Former White House adviser on Russia Fiona Hill arrives on Capitol Hill in Washington on Monday to testify before congressional lawmakers as part of the House impeachment inquiry into President Donald Trump.**

say testimony and evidence coming in from other witnesses, and even the president himself, are backing up the whistleblower's account of what transpired during Trump's July 25 phone call with Zelenskyy. Lawmakers have grown deeply concerned about protecting the person from Trump's threats over the matter and may not wish to risk exposing the whistleblower's identity.

Democratic Rep. Adam Schiff, chairman

of the House Intelligence Committee, said Sunday, "We don't need the whistleblower, who wasn't on the call, to tell us what took place during the call. We have the best evidence of that."

Schiff said it "may not be necessary" to reveal the whistleblower's identity as the House gathers evidence. "Our primary interest right now is making sure that that person is protected," he said.

But Trump strongly objected.

"Adam Schiff now doesn't seem to want the Whistleblower to testify, NO!" the Republican president tweeted early Monday. "We must determine the Whistleblower's identity to determine WHY this was done to the USA."

The impeachment inquiry is testing the Constitution's system of checks and balances as the House presses forward with the probe and the White House dismisses it as "illegitimate" without a formal vote of the House to open impeachment proceedings.

In calling for a vote, the White House is trying to press House Democrats who may be politically reluctant to put their names formally behind impeachment. But House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., has resisted those efforts and is unlikely to budge as Congress returns.

Democrats say Congress is well within its power as the legislative branch to conduct oversight of the president and it is Republicans, having grown weary of Trump's actions, who may be in the greater political bind over a vote.

Rep. Jim Himes, D-Conn., said Sunday he'd be fine with taking a formal vote, "but it's not required."

"Look, my own opinion is that we ought to just take this off the table because it's such a nonissue, and there's no doubt in my mind that, of course, if Nancy Pelosi does that she will have the votes and that will pass," Himes said.

## White House: Trump 'strongly condemns' violent parody video

By JILL COLVIN

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The White House said Monday that President Donald Trump "strongly condemns" a graphically violent parody video that depicts a likeness of him shooting and stabbing his opponents and members of the news media. The parody was shown at a meeting of Trump supporters at his Miami resort.

Journalists covering the White House have called on Trump to condemn the video, in which Trump's critics and media members are portrayed as parishioners in a church fleeing his gruesome rampage.

The fake Trump strikes the late

Sen. John McCain in the neck, kills and stabs TV personality Rosie O'Donnell in the face, lights Sen. Bernie Sanders' head on fire and shoots or otherwise assaults people whose faces are replaced with news organization logos.

Trump's face is superimposed on a killer's body. Among the targets: former President Barack Obama, Black Lives Matter, Democratic Rep. Maxine Waters, Bill and Hillary Clinton and Rep. Adam Schiff, who as Democratic chairman of the House Intelligence Committee is leading the impeachment inquiry of Trump.

Press secretary Stephanie Grisham said in a tweet that Trump hasn't yet seen the video but will soon do so. She said,

"Based upon everything he has heard, he strongly condemns this video."

The video and its screening were first reported by The New York Times.

The "unauthorized video" was shown last week "in a side room" at an American Priority conference at Trump's Doral Miami resort, the event's organizer, Alex Phillips, said in a statement. Trump was not present for the event.

"This video was not approved, seen or sanctioned" by the event's organizers, Phillips said.

The White House Correspondents Association, which represents journalists covering the president, issued a statement late

Sunday saying it was "horrified" by the content.

"All Americans should condemn this depiction of violence directed toward journalists and the president's political opponents," said Jonathan Karl, WHCA president. "We have previously told the president his rhetoric could incite violence. Now we call on him and everybody associated with this conference to denounce this video and affirm that violence has no place in our society."

The video includes the logo for Trump's 2020 campaign, but Tim Murtagh, spokesman for the campaign, told The Times the "video was not produced by the campaign, and we do not condone violence."

Phillips told The Times the video was played as part of a "meme exhibit" and was not associated with or endorsed by the conference "in any official capacity."

"American Priority rejects all political violence," he said, and is looking into the matter.

The setting for the massacre is the "Church of Fake News," capturing Trump's familiar refrain about news stories and organizations that he deems unfair.

CNN, The Washington Post, BBC, PBS, NBC and Politico are among the news organizations depicted as victims of the fake Trump's violent fury.

## Agency eyes big revamp of successful Wall Street whistleblower program

By MARY GORDON

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A federal agency is moving with little fanfare to revamp one of the most successful whistleblower programs in the government, alarming advocates who warn the changes will set back efforts to police Wall Street and punish corporate fraud.

Much like the whistleblower system for intelligence agencies that triggered the impeachment inquiry of President Donald Trump, the program grants anonymity to people who come forward with allegations of wrongdoing. But unlike that system, it deals with the private sector, offering cash

payouts to people who provide information that helps the Securities and Exchange Commission identify fraud and wrongdoing.

The program was created in 2010 by the Democrats' Wall Street oversight law. Tips and substantial cash payouts have flowed since it started in 2011.

The SEC has collected some 26,000 tips and complaints, resulting in more than \$2 billion in penalties and restitution.

More than \$300 million has been distributed in roughly 50 awards to people who provided actionable information.

Taxpayers don't foot the bill because the award money comes directly from funds the SEC col-

lects in settlements.

The SEC's program has also provided a windfall for the FBI and Justice Department. The SEC, a regulatory agency with only civil authority, often sends them referrals for criminal action that have brought convictions and jail terms for serious violators.

Now, with the backing of the news community, the two Republicans on the five-member SEC and the one independent are looking to make changes to the program that Chairman Jay Clayton says will make it more effective. Final adoption of the plan is expected this month, with only a majority vote on the five-member agency needed for approval.

Critics are aghast.

"It would destroy the program," said Stephen Kohn, chairman of the National Whistleblower Center and a partner in the law firm Kohn, Kohn & Colapinto.

The proposed changes, Kohn said, are "counter to every whistleblower law, rule and policy."

It's just U.S. regulators' latest move to unwind the stricter financial rules that were put in place after the 2008 financial crisis. Through scores of rule-making actions, administration officials and regulators appointed by Trump have worked to reverse components of the law, dismissing Democratic warnings about the possibility of another finan-

cial meltdown. Republicans say that the law has slowed economic growth and needlessly restricted lending.

Business groups support the SEC's plan to change the whistleblower program but downplay its likely impact.

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce, the lead lobbying organization for corporate America, called the proposal "a small but nonetheless important step" toward improvement. It said the SEC "has found itself overwhelmed at times by a large number of low-quality complaints advanced by ... bounty seekers more concerned with enriching themselves than truly protecting investors."



## NATION

# Census Bureau seeks citizenship data from states

By MIKE SCHNEIDER  
Associated Press

The U.S. Census Bureau is asking states for drivers' license records that typically include citizenship data and has made a new request for information on recipients of government assistance after the U.S. Supreme Court blocked plans to include a citizenship question in its 2020 population count.

The two approaches, documented by The Associated Press, alarm civil rights activists. They caution that inaccuracies in state motor vehicle records make them a poor choice for tracking citizenship, if that is the bureau's goal, and they see the requests as an extension of earlier efforts that could chill Latino participation in the 2020 Census.

After the U.S. Supreme Court nixed the plan by President Donald Trump's administration to add a citizenship question to the 2020 Census, the president signed an executive order in July requiring the U.S. Commerce Department, which oversees the Census Bureau, to compile citizenship information through state and federal administrative records. Specifically, it ordered the department to increase efforts "to obtain

State administrative records containing citizenship."

The American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators told the AP that most, if not all, states recently received requests for information including citizenship status, race, birthdates and addresses. The association has advised members to consult their privacy officers when deciding how to respond.

"Each state is making their own determination how to respond," association spokeswoman Claire Jeffrey said in an email.

In Illinois, Secretary of State Jesse White denied the request.

"We, as a general rule, are not comfortable with giving out our data, certainly not in such a huge amount. That was the overriding concern," said spokesman Dave Drucker.

Other states are weighing what to do. The Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles has received the request but hasn't responded, spokeswoman Beth Frady said.

The request has alarmed Latino advocacy groups. Motor vehicle agency records are notoriously inaccurate and "bad at determining when someone is not a citizen," said Andrea Senteno, a lawyer for the Mexican Ameri-



WILFREDO LEE/AP

**A woman enters a Florida Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles drivers' license service center on Oct. 8 in Hialeah, Fla. The U.S. Census Bureau has asked the states for drivers' license information, months after President Donald Trump ordered the collection of citizenship information.**

can Legal Defense and Educational Fund, which is challenging Trump's executive order.

"The Census Bureau usually plans for these types of big changes in their operations many, many years in advance, but they don't have enough time right now to actually plan and provide clear information to the public about how they are going to use these administrative records," Senteno said. "That is because they're flying by the seat of their pants right now."

The bureau is also trying to gather other state records on individual recipients of public programs. A new request published last month in the Federal Register

said the records would be used for the 2020 Census and other research, and they are needed to "improve efficiency and accuracy in our data collections, and to improve measures of the population and economy."

While the request doesn't explicitly ask for citizenship information, some demographers who work with the bureau on state-level data say the timing makes them suspect the request is responsive to the president's executive order.

"The timing of it, and noticing in the executive order, it's well-stated that this is going to be a push directing the Census Bureau to work on gathering these

state inputs, it would lead me to believe that the two are probably connected," said Susan Strate, senior manager of Population Estimates Program at the University of Massachusetts Donahue Institute.

States already share records on food assistance and other programs to help the bureau track traditionally undercounted populations and pinpoint vacant houses. The states' administrative records could cover a host of topics, including citizenship, said John Thompson, a former Census Bureau director in the Obama administration.

## High court to consider state role in prosecuting immigrants

By ROXANA HEGEMAN  
Associated Press

WICHITA, Kan. — Donald Morales caught a break when federal prosecutors declined to charge him after he was arrested for using a fake Social Security card so he could work at a Kansas restaurant. But the break was short-lived. Kansas authorities stepped in and obtained a state conviction that could lead to Morales' deportation.

A state appellate court overturned the conviction, but Kansas appealed. On Wednesday, the U.S. Supreme Court will hear arguments about whether states can prosecute immigrants like Morales who use other people's Social Security numbers to get a job.

Morales, who plans to attend the arguments with his wife and a son, said he has been having nightmares about being deported. His greatest fear is leaving behind his wife and children if the Supreme Court reinstates his state convictions — felonies that could trigger deportation proceedings.

"What I did was to earn money honestly in a job to support my family," the 51-year-old Guate-



ORLIN WAGNER/AP

**Donald Morales, shown with his wife, Isleen Gimenez Morales, in Kansas City, Mo., on Sept. 17, fears deportation for using a fake Social Security card to get a job.**

malan immigrant told The Associated Press in Spanish.

The case before the nation's highest court arises from three prosecutions in Johnson County, a largely suburban area outside Kansas City, Mo., where the district attorney has aggressively pursued immigrants under the Kansas identity theft and false information statutes.

The Kansas Supreme Court

overturned the convictions of Morales as well as Mexican immigrants Ramiro Garcia and Guadalupe Ochoa-Lara after concluding the state was seeking to punish immigrants who used fake IDs to obtain jobs. It ruled that the federal government has exclusive authority to determine whether an immigrant is authorized to work in the United States. Kansas then appealed.

Rekha Sharma-Crawford, an attorney representing the immigrants, said in an email that immigration officials are having the state do its bidding by using routine encounters with noncitizens to "strong-arm businesses" to turn over personal files.

"That has a chilling effect for local businesses, spreads deep mistrust for law enforcement in immigrant communities and also destroys families who are an integral part of the societal fabric," Sharma-Crawford said.

Morales, who has been living in the United States since 1989, was found guilty of state charges for identity theft and putting false information on employment forms related to his work at a Jose Pepper's restaurant.

The other two prosecutions

in the appeal also involve immigrants who unlawfully worked in the United States.

After Garcia got a speeding ticket on his way to his restaurant job, a local detective and a federal agent checked his employment paperwork at the Bonafish Grill. His attorneys told the court the federal government didn't charge Garcia because he was cooperating with an investigation into a previous employer suspected of directing employees to change Social Security numbers.

The local district attorney nonetheless charged him with identity theft and pursued the state case even after Garcia obtained lawful immigration status.

Ochoa-Lara came to the attention of authorities after using a false Social Security number to lease an apartment and was later prosecuted in state court for using someone else's number on a tax withholding employment form.

The case wound up before the nation's highest court after the Kansas Supreme Court held that the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986 preempts those state prosecutions for working unlawfully in the country.

Kansas contends the state's Su-

preme Court ruling would frustrate its own efforts to combat identity theft. The state law generally criminalizes the use of any personal identifying information belonging to another person to obtain any "benefit" fraudulently, regardless of immigration status or work authorization.

Twelve states — Indiana, Alabama, Alaska, Georgia, Maine, Mississippi, Ohio, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas and West Virginia — have filed a brief backing Kansas, arguing a ruling against the state would hamper their interest in protecting their citizens.

Brent Anderson, a former federal prosecutor who handled immigration-related criminal cases in Kansas, said it takes local, state and federal law enforcement working together to address identity theft.

"There is no point in prosecuting people who are misusing Social Security numbers to be employed if you can't remove them from the United States because they will keep doing it because they have to; otherwise they can't work," said Anderson, who teaches homeland security law at Wichita State University.

## NATION

# Some states honor indigenous people, not Columbus

By RUSSELL CONTRERAS  
Associated Press

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — A handful of states celebrated their first Indigenous Peoples Day on Monday as part of a trend to move away from a day honoring Christopher Columbus.

From Minnesota to Vermont, at least five states and Washington, D.C., have done away with Columbus Day celebrations in deference to Native Americans, though the federal Columbus Day remains in place.

Since 1992, Native American advocates have pressed states to change Columbus Day to Indigenous Peoples Day over concerns that Columbus helped launched centuries of genocide against indigenous populations in the Americas.

New Mexico marked its statewide Indigenous Peoples Day with an invocation by several tribal leaders in unison in their native languages. There also was a parade and traditional dances at the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center in Albuquerque.

"I think it's great and it's about time," said All Pueblo Council of Governors Chairman E. Paul Torres, a member of Isleta Pueblo in New Mexico.

State offices in Maine also closed for the holiday. Maine, home to four federally recognized tribes, ditched Columbus Day in favor of Indigenous Peoples Day with an April bill-signing by Democratic Gov. Janet Mills.

She said at the time she hoped the move would represent a move "toward healing, toward inclusiveness."



MORGAN LEE/AP

**Calela Lamy, of Zuni Pueblo, performs a pottery dance at the New Mexico Statehouse in Santa Fe on Feb. 1 before the state adopted its first Indigenous Peoples' Day.**

Tribes in Maine have had a rocky relationship with the state government over the years, and the Penobscot and Passamaquoddy tribes withdrew representatives to the Legislature in 2015, when Republican Gov. Paul LePage was in office.

The change to Indigenous Peoples Day prompted some backlash in conservative circles and among Italian Americans. University of Maine College Republicans, for example, have described the move as part of a "radical left-wing agenda."

But Native Americans in some states have welcomed the change and said it was time to pay homage to Native Americans instead of Columbus.



RUSSELL CONTRERAS/AP

**Dancers enter at the Gathering of Nations, one of the world's largest gatherings of indigenous people, in Albuquerque, N.M., on April 27. A handful of states, including New Mexico, celebrated their first Indigenous Peoples' Day on Monday.**



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## NATION

# 3 deaths linked to Calif. wildfires; evacuations end

By CHRISTOPHER WEBER  
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Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Three people died at the scene of Southern California wildfires last week, authorities said Saturday, as firefighters aided by diminishing winds beat back a blaze on the edge of Los Angeles that damaged or destroyed more than 30 structures and sent a blanket of smoke across a swath of neighborhoods.

Los Angeles officials said the fire in the city's San Fernando Valley area hadn't grown significantly since Friday, and ground crews were tamping down lingering hot spots. Evacuation orders were lifted in all of Los Angeles County and in parts of Riverside County, where a second blaze was burning.

Shortly before 5 p.m., the Los Angeles Police Department said in a tweet, "We thank members of the community for promptly heeding the evacuation orders and their patience as we worked to contain the fire."

Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti told residents to be cautious returning home to neighborhoods where fire crews could still be

operating.

In Los Angeles, one man who tried to fight the blaze died of a heart attack, and one firefighter reported a minor eye injury.

The fire's cause is under investigation, and authorities warned that the threat of flare-ups remained.

At the site of the second blaze east of Los Angeles, the Riverside County Sheriff's Department said a second body was found at a mobile home park where 74 structures were destroyed Thursday in Calimesa.

Officials previously reported one death at the community east of Los Angeles.

The department said one of the Calimesa victims has been identified as Lois Arvikson, 89. Her son, Don Turner, said he had called him to say she was evacuating but he never heard from her again. Authorities are working to identify the other victim.

Los Angeles Fire Department spokesman Brian Humphrey said the bulk of the fire at the city's edge had moved away from homes and into rugged hillsides and canyons where firefighters were making steady progress slowing its advance.



MINDY SCHAEFER, THE (ANAHEIM, CALIF.) ORANGE COUNTY REGISTER/AP

Loretta Reel surveys the damage to her in-laws' home in the Porter Ranch area of Los Angeles on Saturday after wildfires swept through the region.

Television footage showed plumes of smoke rising from the area but no walls of towering flame as a water-dropping helicopter moved in to dump another cascade on the blaze.

Firefighters worked under sunny skies, but air quality was poor as smoke dispersed over much of greater Los Angeles. Air quality officials urged people to limit outdoor activities.

East of Los Angeles, firefighters were also gaining ground on a blaze that ripped through a Riverside County mobile home park, destroying dozens of residences.

In Northern California, the

lights are back on for virtually all customers who lost power when Pacific Gas & Electric switched it off in an effort to prevent wildfires.

About 100,000 residents were ordered out of their homes because of the wind-driven wildfire that broke out Thursday evening in the San Fernando Valley, though authorities began lifting evacuation orders in many areas Saturday.

It spread westward through tinder-dry brush in hilly subdivisions on the outskirts of the nation's second-largest city.

The region has been on high

alert as notoriously powerful Santa Ana winds brought dry desert air to a desiccated landscape that only needed a spark to erupt.

Fire officials have warned that they expect more intense and devastating California wildfires due in part to climate change.

The cause of the Los Angeles blaze wasn't immediately known, though arson investigators said a witness reported seeing sparks or flames coming from a power line near where the fire is believed to have started, said Peter Sanders, a spokesman for the Los Angeles Fire Department.

## Questions intensify in killing of woman in her home by Texas cop

Associated Press

FORT WORTH, Texas — A white police officer who fatally shot a 28-year-old black woman inside her Texas home was set to be interviewed Monday by investigators as questions and outrage grew over the shooting.

The Fort Worth Police Department said officers responded early Saturday after a neighbor called a nonemergency line to report the home's front door had been left open. The responding officer fired a shot through the home's window, killing Atiatiana Jefferson.

A family attorney, Lee Merritt, said Jefferson was playing video games with her 8-year-old nephew when she was killed.

"You didn't hear the officer shout, 'Gun, gun, gun,'" Merritt said after viewing video taken from a Fort Worth officer's bodycam. "He didn't have time to perceive a threat. That's murder."

Fort Worth police said in a statement that officers saw someone near a window inside the

home and that one of them drew his duty weapon and fired after "perceiving a threat." The video released by police shows two officers searching the home from the outside with flashlights before one shouts, "Put your hands up, show me your hands." One shot is then fired through a window.

In the video, the officer does not identify himself as police.

Fort Worth police said it released the bodycam footage soon after the shooting to provide transparency, but that any "camera footage inside the residence" could not be distributed due to state law. However, the bodycam video released to media included blurred still frames showing a gun inside a bedroom at the home.

It's unclear if the firearm was found near Jefferson, and police have not said that the officer who shot her thought she had a gun. The police statement released Saturday said only that officers who entered the residence after the shooting found a firearm, and Lt. Brandon O'Neil would not answer reporters' questions Sunday



SHIRLEY N. POOL, THE DALLAS MORNING NEWS/AP

Carol Harrison-Lafayette protests the police shooting of Atiatiana Jefferson during a community vigil for Jefferson on Sunday in Fort Worth, Texas.

on why police released images of the gun.

A large crowd gathered outside Jefferson's home Sunday night for a vigil after earlier demonstrations briefly stopped traffic on part of Interstate 35.

The Fort Worth Police Officers Association issued a statement Sunday calling for "a thorough and transparent investigation" into the shooting.

## Police find no evidence of shooting in Florida mall

Associated Press

BOCA RATON, Fla. — Reports of possible shots at an upscale Florida mall sent panicked people running and triggered a lockdown for several hours Sunday, but a SWAT team's search found no evidence of any shooting and police issued an all-clear after nightfall.

One person was injured, apparently leaving the mall in Boca Raton, police said.

Boca Raton Police Chief Dan Alexander said Sunday evening that authorities conducted a sweeping search but found no evidence to confirm the initial reports. Nonetheless, he said, investigators were still scouring mall surveillance video, seeking to pinpoint the source of an apparent loud noise that panicked mallgoers into an afternoon exodus from the Town Center at Boca Raton.

Shortly after 9:30 p.m. Sunday, more than six hours later, authorities tweeted that "There is no longer a threat" and that employees and mallgoers could return to retrieve belongings and vehicles they left behind.

Soon after receiving the initial

reports Sunday afternoon, police tweeted for those still in the mall to shelter in place as a lockdown took hold.

The agency subsequently tweeted that a SWAT team had entered the mall for an exhaustive search and it subsequently advised that no active shooter was present.

"Some noise went off. We have not recovered any shell casings or any rounds of ammunition. We are characterizing it as a suspicious incident," the chief told a news briefing Sunday evening.

Alexander also said one person police previously tweeted as having a possible gunshot wound, had, in fact, a traumatic injury from apparently "hitting his head on the door" as he attempted to leave. The man was being treated at a medical center, the chief said, declining to identify the person or discuss his injuries further.

Though many left the mall immediately Sunday afternoon, some were still inside hours later as they still awaited evacuation, Alexander said. He urged those still inside to remain patient while police continued an exhaustive search to "clear every single space."



## NATION

# Calif. power shutdowns raise pollution worries

By JOHN FLESHER  
Associated Press

Power shutdowns intended to prevent more devastating California wildfires are raising new concerns about another long-standing environmental threat: air pollution.

As utilities halted service to more than 2 million people last week, lines formed at hardware stores selling portable generators, while many hospitals and businesses fired up their own. The prospect of emissions belching from untold numbers of the machines, some powered by diesel and gasoline as well as propane and natural gas, was troubling in a state already burdened with some of the nation's worst air quality.

"It is a major concern," said Laki Tisopolos, executive officer of the Ventura County Air Pollution Control District. "Imagine if you are in a large metropolitan area like Los Angeles or the (San Francisco) Bay Area and you have hundreds or thousands of these engines kicking in. All of a sudden you have many localized sources of pollution that are spewing carcinogens right where we breathe. It can be next door to a school, a hospital."

Questions also arose over how the blackouts might affect traffic patterns, potential causing even more late-ups and discharges than usual from vehicles. They are a leading factor in California air pollution, along with a warm, sunny climate that helps produce ozone and topographical features such as the Central Valley where



RANDY VAZQUEZ, SAN JOSE (CALIF.) MERCURY NEWS/AP

**Joe Wilson pulls his generator out at his home near San Jose, Calif., on Oct. 8. Widespread use of generators during power shutdowns intended to prevent wildfires is raising concerns about air pollution.**

polluted air often stagnates.

"It's on people's minds in the air quality world," said Kristine Roselius, spokeswoman for the Bay Area Air Quality Management District, which tracks air pollution and sets regulations in a nine-county region that includes San Francisco.

"The wildfires that are driven by climate change and all the consequences of that are certainly a new normal and it's constantly emerging," Roselius said.

The district had not detected

any uptick in contamination levels at its more than 30 air quality monitoring gauges, although the high winds that prompted the power shutdowns could be dispersing them, she said Friday.

Staffers will be watching for spikes in pollutants including nitrogen oxides and small, sooty particles, which generators tend to produce, she said. But it could be difficult to pinpoint the cause since air quality is influenced by many factors, she added.

Government officials and ex-

perts said pollution from emergency power during intentional blackouts is one more wrinkle for policymakers and planners dealing with a constant threat of catastrophic infernos and more extreme weather.

Significant rises in diesel exhaust could worsen asthma symptoms and pose risks for people with heart and lung diseases, said Dr. John Balmes, a spokesman for the American Lung Association and a Bay Area resident among those temporarily without

electricity.

"There would have to be a lot used at the same time to have much of an impact outside the immediate area of the generator," he said.

Pacific Gas & Electric Co., the state's largest electricity provider, announced its shutdowns as forecasts called for gusts that could knock trees and limbs into power lines and spark flames.

The California Air Resources Board, the state's clean-air agency, described the power interruptions as necessary to protect people and property but acknowledged they would lead to widespread reliance on standby generators.

"The use of these engines will generate additional emissions," board spokeswoman Melanie Turner said. "We will be assessing the impact as these public safety power shutoffs evolve."

People using generators should check with their local air districts about rules and permit requirements, Turner said. But the board considers operation of stationary and portable diesel engines during a shutdown to be an emergency that meets state regulations.

The Bay Area district already was offering incentives to encourage bigger customers such as wastewater treatment plants, municipal buildings and schools to switch from diesel generators to those powered with cleaner fuels such as natural gas or solar energy, Roselius said. Those efforts could be broadened to include small businesses and individuals, she said.

# Chicago teachers may test unions' 'social justice' strategy

By KATHLEEN FOODY  
Associated Press

CHICAGO — A threatened strike by Chicago teachers would test a strategy employed by a growing number of urban teachers unions convinced that transforming contentious contract talks into discussions about class sizes and student services wins public support and can make a difference at the bargaining table.

Unions in left-leaning cities including Los Angeles have made a renewed push to use the strategy this year, emboldened by strengthened public support for teachers and their unions amid 2018 walkouts and protests in conservative states. Chicago's last major teachers strike in 2012 also has been cited by other unions as early inspiration.

Now, Chicago teachers are returning to that strategy, aiming to get enforceable school district commitments on smaller class sizes and hiring more support staff. Without those and other commitments, they could begin a strike Thursday that would affect nearly 400,000 students.

If Chicago does strike, teachers



M. SPENCER GREEN/AP

**Chicago schoolteachers, shown picketing during a strike in Chicago in 2012, are threatening to strike again and plan to use a strategy of focusing on student needs that has drawn public support.**

around the country will be closely watching parents' response to a walkout based on the unions' "social justice" agenda beyond state school funding or teachers' pay, experts said.

"Right now, you're hard-pressed to find a teacher's union that says we only want to bargain

for the economic interest of our members," said Robert Bruno, a University of Illinois labor professor who has studied and written about the 2012 Chicago strike. "And that's why it's so hard to get a settlement."

City officials, though, argue contract talks are meant for em-

ployee wages and benefits, not questions of staffing or affordable housing.

Mayor Lori Lightfoot also has said the district's offer of a 16% pay raise over five years for teachers is fair and ensures the district can continue to improve its once dire financial state. The district also has committed to hiring more nurses, social workers and support staff over the next five years but opposes teachers' demand that that be written into their contract.

After a change in union leadership in 2010, the Chicago teachers union partnered with other community groups working on poverty and crime. Teachers walked out for seven days in 2012, filling Chicago streets and using the bargaining process to force conversations on how those broader issues affected their students.

The Chicago union wasn't the first to use that strategy. But its leadership, including then-President Karen Lewis, acted when teachers nationwide felt unions' political power and clout had been severely weakened, said John Rogers, a professor of education at the University of California, Los Angeles.

"Chicago was a dramatic moment, when this set of ideas coalesced and was enacted and then caught the attention of other unions," Rogers said.

In the years since the 2012 Chicago strike, teachers clad in red have flooded state capitols in right-to-work states including West Virginia to protest years of cutbacks in school funding.

The response to those protests reassured teachers of the public's support, said Dale Lee, president of the West Virginia Education Association.

"It is about much more than pay," Lee said. "It's about ensuring that every student, not just a select few, has a great public education."

This year, unions in liberal-leaning cities including Denver, Los Angeles and Oakland, Calif., used contract talks to highlight class sizes and push back on charter schools.

The approach resulted in some victories. Los Angeles teachers got more money toward reducing class sizes and support staff hires; Denver teachers won changes to the district's pay scale; and Oakland's teachers got reduced class sizes.

## WORLD



PHOTOS BY FRANÇOIS MOREL/AP

Stone expert Jean-Didier Mertz last week shows the broken nose of the golden angel that was once atop Notre Dame Cathedral, now in a warehouse at Champs-sur-Marne, west of Paris.

# Broken angels

## A look inside the lab restoring the Notre Dame Cathedral

By THOMAS ADAMSON  
Associated Press

CHAMPS-SUR-MARNE,  
France

**T**he golden angel once glimmered majestically from Notre Dame's vault.

Now, with a broken nose, chipped gold leaf and a smashed bust, it stares up blankly at a warehouse roof in the outskirts of Paris, where blackened fragments of the famed cathedral's stained glass mingle with organ pipes and jagged vault stones.

Scientists at the French government's Historical Monuments Research Laboratory are using those objects as clues in an urgent and vital task — working out how to safely restore the beloved Paris cathedral and identify what perils remain inside the monument in a race against the clock.

Debris is still falling from Notre Dame's roof as fears over dust poisoning from the cathedral's burned-out lead roof has frightened the people of Paris and a spring 2020 deadline looms for a major diagnostic report on how to fix the lab's most famous patient.

"For the moment, the cathedral is in an emergency state of peril ... It's still falling; stones fall regularly," said Aline Magnien, the lab director. "Fifteen to 20 (scientists) have been working at Notre Dame, notably to filter out the rubble. Everything that fell from the roof vaults — the wood, the metal, the stone — has been the object of a sort of archaeological excavation."

The April 15 inferno has turned the lab in the sleepy town of Champs-sur-Marne into a hive of activity, with geologists, microbiologists and experts in metal and stained glass manning laser beams, microscopes and state-of-the-art computer technology to analyze key pieces of debris — work that goes on often until midnight.

One key question the scientists are trying to establish is how damaged the remaining stone is after being not only burned but then doused in water by firefighters.

Architects need to know how strong the stone is to know how heavy the cathedral's new roof and spire can be without risking further calamity.

The lab's stone expert, Jean-Didier Mertz, proudly showed off his myriad machines, glass atriums and vault stones wrapped in kitchen cling-film. He said Notre Dame's stone could have been weakened by up to 50% because of water that caused it to expand in a close-knit stone structure that has little natural breathing room.

Although Notre Dame's two medieval towers were spared from collapsing in the fire that destroyed the cathedral's roof and spire, he warned that the stone in the French Gothic masterpiece is still not out of danger.

"Since the construction and (architect) Viollet-le-Duc's revamp in 1864, the stones haven't seen a single drop of water," he said. "The fact there was the fire and water to extinguish it totally changed the material's surface."

Even though debris is still fall-

ing down at the cathedral, Mertz said he did not think the remaining stone structure would come down.

"If the stone was going to collapse, it would have collapsed already. But it does need serious help," he said.

He said he will recommend using a stone-hardening liquid coating on the surface of the stones.

For stones with fissures, he said a mortar mix will be used to fill the holes.

Officials at the lab currently estimate 500 cubic meters of stone will be required to rebuild parts of the church.

"It's a tricky subject because the Notre Dame quaries no longer exist. ... Where are we going to find them?" Magnien asked.

The lab combines high-tech with a typically Gallic environment. Located inside the Champs-sur-Marne Chateau, the team of scientists wearing plastic aprons, elasticated shoe covers and respiratory masks crack jokes amid the turreted 18th-century architecture.

Like the setting, their work has one foot in the future and one in



Glass specialist Claudine Loisel checks the cathedral's stained-glass windows in a lab at Champs-sur-Marne.



Metals chief Aurelia Azema displays traces on the metal pipes of the cathedral's organ to measure a kind of lead "fingerprint."

the past.

Their analysis of the previously unseen historic debris has ended up revealing secrets about the cathedral and the incredible talents of the medieval architects who designed it.

A small layer of plaster found on the cathedral's fallen vault stones initially confounded the lab's experts, given that plaster is an insulating material and not a glue-like mortar that would have normally held the stones together.

It dawned on them that the "medieval engineers might have built in a fire safety system to slow down any potential fire," Mertz said with a beaming smile.

The scientists also complimented the skills of modern-day fire experts.

Glass specialist Claudine Loisel explained how Notre Dame's stained-glass windows were saved by the skill of the French firefighters who'd learned the lessons of a 1984 blaze at York Minster in northern England. They didn't douse the windows with water, Loisel said, and only gently sprinkled the surrounding area, thus preventing the glass from exploding.

Loisel, like others on her team, talks of Notre Dame like a doctor would of a sick patient.

The stained-glass windows are in good shape. We have some pathologies, we might have some breakages from time to time, linked to thermal shock," she said as she gently cleaned a window fragment from the cathedral's east wing. "But in contrast to what we could have imagined, we have hardly anything."

Another key question is the cathedral's lead.

The blaze burned up an estimated 200 tons of lead, a key material in its 19th-century roof, some of which went far into the Paris atmosphere.

After the fire, high levels of lead were recorded in the immediate neighborhood and in the blood of some local children. The massive cleanup inside the cathedral itself was briefly suspended until special protection measures for workers were put into place.

Aurelia Azema, metals chief at the Historical Monuments Research Laboratory, said her job was to not only advise on how to clean the cathedral without damaging the original materials but to create a lead "fingerprint" to know where lead that the fire spat out landed beyond the building's walls.

"Knowing that digital fingerprint of the cathedral, we will be able to compare it with the lead that went into the atmosphere and to know (if) the traces we have found in Paris match the lead that was in the cathedral," she said.

French President Emmanuel Macron made an ambitious pledge shortly after the catastrophe that Notre Dame would be rebuilt by 2024, enlisting former army chief Jean-Louis Georgelin, 71, to crack the whip. The tight timeline has prompted widespread disbelief among architects, renovation experts and others, including some of the lab's employees.

When asked about how the restorers plan to finish such an extensive restoration in just five years, the lab's deputy director shrugged his shoulders.

"We have a general for that," Magnien said with a smile.

## WORLD

# 3 awarded Nobel Prize for work on global poverty

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STOCKHOLM — The 2019 Nobel Prize in economics was awarded Monday to Abhijit Banerjee, Esther Duflo and Michael Kremer for pioneering new ways to alleviate global poverty.

Banerjee and Duflo are at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, while Kremer is at Harvard University.

The three have often worked together.

Duflo, who phoned into the news conference where the prize was announced, said receiving it was "incredibly humbling." The 46-year-old, born in Paris, is the youngest person ever and only the second woman to receive the economics prize. The first was Elinor Ostrom in 2009.

She noted that the profession is not always a welcoming one for women.

"Showing that it is possible for a woman to succeed and be recognized for success I hope is going to inspire many, many other women to continue working and many other men to give them the respect that they deserve like

every single human being," she said.

The Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences said the three economists pioneered new ways to fight global poverty by focusing on smaller, more manageable issues like education or child health.

They said Kremer showed the power of that approach in the mid-1990s in fieldwork in Kenya. The academy said that as a direct result of the winners' studies, 5 million Indian children benefited from remedial tutoring in schools.

Colleagues applauded the news.

"Fantastic decision!" Max Roser, a University of Oxford researcher who founded the Our World in Data project, wrote on Twitter. "Even after two centuries of progress against global poverty I think it is clearly one of the very biggest problems in the world today."

Banerjee's mother, Nirmala Banerjee, also an economist, told news channel NDTV in India that the prize was unexpected.

"He has been trying to get economics away from the theoretical part, but using theory to understand the world as it is," she said



JOSE VICENTE/AP

The 2019 Nobel prize in economics has been awarded to Esther Duflo, above, Abhijit Banerjee and Michael Kremer for their work on alleviating global poverty.

from her home in Kolkata. "The way it works, the way poverty is, the way people handle poverty."

Banerjee frequently returns to India to contribute to the work of the Poverty Action Lab, an international research center he and Duflo co-founded in 2003. "This is huge for us," Shobhini Mukerji, the South Asia branch's executive director, told The Associated Press from New Delhi.

"India is where the seeds were sown for their research."

Banerjee this year advised India's opposition party, the Congress, ahead of national elections in May about offering financial aid to the poor.

He has also criticized the Modi government over alleged political interference in statistical data and over a program to take cash out of the economy.

## South Korean minister resigns amid investigation

Associated Press

SEOUL, South Korea — South Korea's justice minister resigned Monday, citing the political burden of an investigation into alleged financial crimes and academic favors surrounding his family, a scandal that has rocked Seoul's liberal government and spurred huge protests.

Cho Kuk has denied wrongdoing. But the law professor who for years cultivated an anti-elitist reformist image said he couldn't remain a government minister while ignoring the pain his family was enduring.

Huge crowds of Cho's supporters and critics have marched in South Korea's capital in recent weeks, demonstrating how the months-long saga over Cho has deepened the country's political divide.

Cho said in a statement he was offering to resign to reduce the burden on President Moon Jae-in, whose office later said he accepted Cho's offer.

Cho's resignation came as state prosecutors continued a criminal investigation into his university professor wife, brother and other relatives over allegations of dubious financial investments, fraud and fake credentials for his daughter that may have helped her enter a top university in Seoul and a medical school in Busan.

"I concluded that I should no longer burden the president and the government with issues surrounding my family," Cho said in an emailed statement. "I think the time has come that the commission of efforts to reform the prosecution would only be possible if I step down from my position."

Moon's liberal Minjoo Party and Cho's supporters, who occupied streets in front of a Seoul prosecutors office for the fourth straight weekend Saturday, have claimed the investigation is aimed at intimidating Cho, who has pushed for reforms that include curbing the power of prosecutors.

South Korea's main opposition party called Cho's resignation offer "too late" and criticized Moon for causing turmoil with a divisive appointment.

In a meeting with senior aides, Moon said he was "very sorry for consequently creating a lot of conflict between the people" over his hand-picked choice but also praised Cho's "passion for prosecutorial reform and willingness to calmly withstand various difficulties to get it done."

Moon had stood firmly by Cho, whom he appointed a month ago despite parliamentary resistance.



Cho

## Spain convicts Catalan leaders in secession bid

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Associated Press

MADRID — Spain's Supreme Court on Monday convicted 12 former Catalan politicians and activists for their roles in a secession bid in 2017, a ruling that immediately inflamed independence supporters in the wealthy northeastern region.

The court sentenced ex-Catalan regional Vice President Oriol Junqueras to 13 years for sedition and misuse of public funds following one of Spain's most important trials since democracy was restored after the death of dictator Gen. Francisco Franco in 1975.

Eight others also received lengthy prison terms in Catalonia's attempt to break away from Spain following an illegal independence referendum, while three received lesser sentences.

Junqueras said the verdict wanted to "destroy lives."

"But above all, they have shown one thing, that we Catalans do not have an alternative," he wrote in a letter published by his Republican Left party. "Independence is today closer than ever before."

Although prosecutors had requested convictions for the more



EMILIO MORENATTI/AP

People wearing yellow ribbons in support of jailed pro-independence politicians and carrying Estelada pro-independence flags protest in Barcelona, Spain, on Monday.

severe crime of rebellion, which under Spanish law implies the use of violence to subvert the constitutional order, judges convicted nine defendants of sedition, implying that they promoted public disorder to subvert the law.

Junqueras and three other former Cabinet members — Raul Romeva, Jordi Turull and Dolors Bassa, who were sentenced to 12

years — were also convicted for misuse of public funds.

The former regional parliament speaker, Carme Forcadell, was given 11½ years in prison; ex-Cabinet members Joaquim Forn and Josep Rull 10½ years each; and grassroots pro-independence activists Jordi Sanchez and Jordi Cuixart nine years.

Three other former members

of the Catalan Cabinet — Santiago Vila, Meritxell Borrás y Carles Mundó — were fined for disobedience.

All of them have been barred from public office.

Reacting to the verdict, hundreds of students and civil servants immediately protested in different parts of Catalonia and its capital, Barcelona.

Grassroots pro-secession groups had warned that if any of the defendants were found guilty they would organize protests and "peaceful civil disobedience."

Spanish authorities have deployed hundreds of extra police to the region.

"Today, they have violated all their rights. It is horrible that Europe doesn't act," civil servant Deni Saball, 60, said while protesting in the street. "I don't want to be European. I don't want to be Spanish."

The court's decision was another milestone in the long struggle for separatists who want Catalonia to break away from Spain and create a new European state. Spain insists it won't allow it.

The Spanish constitution says the country cannot be divided.



## WORLD

# Ukrainian leader's peace plan under fire by the far right

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Associated Press

KYIV, Ukraine — As police watched warily, far-right and nationalist groups protested Monday in the Ukrainian capital of Kyiv, expressing anger at President Volodymyr Zelenskyy and his long-awaited peace plan for eastern Ukraine.

Zelenskyy paid homage Monday to Ukrainians killed in the five-year conflict with Moscow-backed separatists, holding a moment of silence at a Kyiv monument. Later, he will visit Ukrainian military forces on the front line in the east, where fighting has killed at least 13,000 people since 2014.

Authorities expect tens of thousands of protesters at nationalist demonstrations planned throughout the day to mark Defense of the Homeland Day. Zelenskyy urged participants to avoid violence and warned of potential "provocations" from those who want to stoke chaos.

About 100 people gathered Monday morning in front of the president's administration, waving banners protesting Zelenskyy's tentative agreement to hold local elections in eastern Ukraine and his commitment to pull back heavy weaponry near separatist-held areas.

Critics call the accord a "capitulation" to Russia and fear it will lead to Russia having the upper

hand in deciding the future for the conflict-torn region. "Peace after Victory" read one huge banner.

"Zelenskyy wants to strike a deal with the devil. But you can't believe Russia; the country stole Crimea and violated all its promises," said student protester Bohdan Samoylenko, 22.

Nurse Oksana Petrova, 37, said: "Thousands of Ukrainians gave their lives in the east, and now we should forgive them and surrender to them? Zelenskyy is a servant of the Kremlin and not the (Ukrainian) people."

The head of one of the protesting groups, Veterans' Brotherhood, said Zelenskyy held a closed-door meeting with nationalist groups last week to try to explain his position and calm tensions, but claimed the president said he has "no plan."

Ukraine, Russia and the separatists signed an accord earlier this month to pull back heavy weaponry and to hold an election in the area at a later date. The pullback has not occurred because of shelling from both sides and threats from Ukrainian hard-liners to hamper the disengagement.

Zelenskyy, a comedian who rose to the presidency this year on promises to end the conflict, is sticking to the accord, insisting that it's the only way for his country to move forward.



TOBY MELVILLE, POOL PHOTO/AP

Britain's Queen Elizabeth II and Prince Charles arrive for the official State Opening of Parliament in London on Monday.

## Official opening of Parliament marks return to ritual amid Brexit turmoil

By GREGORY KATZ  
Associated Press

LONDON — Brexit may have Britain's political system in turmoil, but the State Opening of Parliament on Monday provided a return to reassuring rituals dating back centuries.

The new parliamentary session was opened by Queen Elizabeth II, 93, the longest-reigning monarch in British history, in the magnificent setting of the House of Lords.

The queen was accompanied by her eldest son, Prince Charles, because her husband, Prince Philip, has largely retired from public life at age 98.

The state opening marks a

rare convergence of the House of Lords, the House of Commons and the monarch.

It includes a House of Lords official known as "Black Rod" — for the first time, a role filled by a woman, Sarah Clarke — who is rebuffed when she tries to enter the House of Commons to summon members to hear the queen.

The door is slammed in Black Rod's face to symbolize the House of Commons' independence from the monarch — then opened after Black Rod knocks three times on the door with an ebony rod.

The queen's arrival at the Sovereign's Entrance in Parliament was carefully choreographed. She travels from Buckingham Palace in a horse-drawn state

carriage, escorted by the Household Cavalry.

Before she arrived, the priceless Imperial State Crown and other regalia used in the ceremony was brought to Parliament in a separate, heavily guarded carriage.

The crown includes 2,868 diamonds, including the Second Star of Africa diamond, and many other gems. The crown was made for King George VI's coronation in 1937, based on a crown designed for Queen Victoria in 1838.

The heavy crown is a powerful symbol of the queen's authority, but Elizabeth chose not to wear it. It was instead placed on a cushion nearby.

## Japan looks for those missing after Typhoon Hagibis kills dozens

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NAGANO, Japan — Rescue crews dug through mudslides and searched near swollen rivers Monday as they looked for those missing from a typhoon that left dozens dead and caused serious damage in central and northern Japan.

Typhoon Hagibis unleashed torrents of rain and strong winds Saturday, leaving thousands of homes on Japan's main island flooded, damaged or without power.

A riverside section of Nagano, northwest of Tokyo, was covered with mud, its apple orchards completely flooded and homes still without electricity.

Japan's Kyodo News agency reported that 48 people died from the typhoon, 17 were missing and more than 100 were injured.

The government's Fire and Disaster Management Agency, which is generally more conservative in assessing its numbers,

said 24 people were dead and nine were missing.

Experts said it would take time to accurately assess the extent of the damage, and the casualty count has been growing daily.

Hagibis dropped record amounts of rain for a period in some spots, according to meteorological officials, causing more than 20 rivers to overflow. In Kanagawa prefecture, southwest of Tokyo, 39 inches of rain was recorded over 48 hours.

Some of the muddy waters in streets, fields and residential areas have subsided. But many places remained flooded Monday, with homes and surrounding roads covered in mud and littered with broken wooden pieces and debris. Some places normally dry still looked like giant rivers.

Some who lined up for morning soup at evacuation shelters, which are housing 30,000 people, expressed concern about the homes they left behind. Survivors and rescuers will also face colder weather, with northern Japan turning chilly this week.



Jae C. Hong/AP

Two search and rescue team members walk along a mud-covered street Monday in Hiyoshi, Japan, as rescue and cleanup efforts were underway after Typhoon Hagibis hit on Saturday.

Soldiers and firefighters from throughout Japan were deployed to assist with rescue efforts. Helicopters could be seen plucking some of the stranded from higher floors and rooftops of submerged homes.

Prime Minister Shinzo Abe said the government would set up a special disaster team, including officials from various ministries, to deal with the fallout from the typhoon, including helping those in evacuation centers and boost-

ing efforts to restore water and electricity to homes.

"Our response must be rapid and appropriate," Abe said, stressing that many people remained missing and damage was extensive.

Damage was especially serious in Nagano prefecture, where an embankment of the Chikuma River broke.

In one area, a few vehicles in used car lots were flipped over by the waters that had gushed in, covering everything with mud. Apples swept from the flooded orchards lay scattered in the mud.

Areas in Miyagi and Fukushima prefectures in northern Japan were also badly flooded.

In such places, rescue crews paddled in boats to reach half-submerged homes, calling out to anyone left stranded.

Tokyo Electric Power Co. said 35,100 homes were still without electricity early Monday evening in Tokyo and nearby prefectures that the utility serves. That was down from nearly 57,000 earlier in the day.

## BUSINESS/WEATHER

# Volkswagen considering options for Lamborghini

By CHRISTOPH RAUWALD  
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Volkswagen is weighing options for its Lamborghini supercar brand as the German manufacturer moves ahead with an overhaul aimed at more than doubling its market value and getting ahead of an industry shakeout, according to people familiar with the matter.

The options VW is considering include a sale or stock listing, said the people, who asked not to be named because the deliberations are confidential and no decisions have been made. VW has started preparations to fold Lamborghini into a separate legal entity and the process might conclude toward the end of next year, the people said.

Chief Executive Officer Herbert Diess wants to focus future expansion on the group's main global brands — VW, Porsche and Audi — in a push to channel resources more efficiently and avoid duplicated efforts. VW is drafting a revamp of its sprawling stable of 12 automotive brands, Sueddeutsche Zeitung reported over the weekend, citing an interview with Diess.

"We shouldn't spread ourselves too thin," Diess told the newspaper. "That might be hard in some cases, but it's the only viable way."

Volkswagen signaled on Sunday that any decision on the Lamborghini brand is likely a ways off, saying it has no plans for a sale or IPO.

The German automaker's

American depositary receipts climbed 4.8% to \$17.68 in New York trading Friday.

Lamborghini's stretch from supercars to roomier sport utility vehicles probably has helped boost its valuation to about \$11 billion, making it a viable candidate for an initial public offering, analysts at Bloomberg Intelligence estimated in August. Sales of the Urus SUV have soared since its introduction in mid-2018. A redesigned Aventador and new hybrid supercar slated to hit the market next year may help boost margins beyond 30%, BI's Michael Dean and Gillian Davis wrote in a report.

Investors have long urged Volkswagen, the world's biggest automaker, to free up assets whose value is subsumed within a cum-



NATAN DAVIS/Bloomberg

**Volkswagen is looking at options for Lamborghini as the company makes moves to increase its market value.**

bersome structure that includes a range from Italian supercars to motorcycles and heavy trucks. While Ferrari, once part of Fiat Chrysler, is now worth about \$30 billion, VW's key stakeholders have stood in the way of similar moves in Germany.

Diess, who took the helm in April 2018, has shown some success, completing an IPO of the Traton truck unit earlier this year.

## EXCHANGE RATES

Military rates	
Euro costs (Oct. 14)	\$1.1344
Dollar buys (Oct. 14)	69.8815
British pound (Oct. 14)	\$1.30
Japanese yen (Oct. 14)	105.00
South Korean won (Oct. 14)	1,159.00
Commercial rates	
Bahrain (Dinar)	0.3769
British pound	\$1.2602
Canada (Dollar)	1.3228
China (Yuan)	7.0665
Denmark (Krone)	6.7744
Egypt (Pound)	16.2267
Euro	\$1.1025/0.9070
Hong Kong (Dollar)	7.8446
Hungary (Forint)	300.89
Israel (Shekel)	3.5099
Japan (Yen)	108.34
Kuwait (Dinar)	0.3038
Norway (Krone)	9.1157
Philippines (Peso)	51.58
Poland (Zloty)	3.89
Saudi Arabia (Riyal)	3.7593
Singapore (Dollar)	1.3689
South Korea (Won)	1,184.12
Switzerland (Franc)	0.9960
Thailand (Baht)	30.45
Turkey (Lira)	9.3011

(Military exchange rates are those available to customers at military banking facilities in the country of issuance. For Japan, South Korea, Germany, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom, or nonlocal currency exchange rates (i.e., purchasing British pounds in Germany), check with your local military banking facility. Commercial rates are interbank rates provided for reference when buying currency. All figures are foreign currencies to one dollar, except for the British pound, which is represented in dollars-to-pound, and the euro, which is dollars-to-euro.)

## INTEREST RATES

Prime rate	5.00
Discount rate	2.50
Federal funds market rate	2.50
3-month bill	1.63
30-year bond	2.15

# Mack Truck workers begin strikes in 3 states

Associated Press

**MACUNGIE, Pa.** — Thousands of Mack Truck workers were on strike Sunday at plants in three states, the first such walkout in decades.

United Automobile Workers union members, many wearing red T-shirts and carrying signs, began picketing in the morning at the Mack Truck cab and vehicle assembly plant in Macungie, Pa., where the company says "Every Mack truck built for the North American market gets its start."

Workers also walked out of plants in Middletown, Pa.; Baltimore; Hagerstown, Md.; and Jacksonville, Fla., the union said. In all, the company said the strike involves about 3,500 employees.

"One of the biggest issues for us is the job security," Walter Smith, president of the local representing Pennsylvania workers, told WCAU-TV. "I've been here for 42 years at Mack Trucks, love working at Mack Trucks. But we need to have our job security."

The union said many issues are

unresolved, including wages, job security and pension and health benefits. Union officials say they will be available to reconvene negotiations Oct. 21, nine days after the beginning of picketing.

Mack Trucks President Martin Weissburg said he's "surprised and disappointed" that the union decided to walk out "rather than to allow our employees to keep building trucks and engines while the parties continued to negotiate."

Weissburg said in a statement

that the two sides had been making progress and have a "positive working relationship." He said the company had no plans to close any U.S. manufacturing facilities and had on the contrary invested hundreds of millions of dollars in them over the last decade.

Officials remain confident they can reach an agreement that "provides a competitive wage and benefit package for our employees and families and helps to ensure the company's competitiveness," he said.

## WEATHER OUTLOOK



The weather is provided by the American Forces Network Weather Center, 2nd Weather Squadron at Offutt Air Force Base, Neb.

# AMERICAN ROUNDUP

## Raw sewage dumped in manholes; 2 arrested

**FL** WEST PALM BEACH — Two men have been charged with illegally dumping raw sewage down Florida manholes, spilling some down sidewalks.

West Palm Beach police said Thomas Fucarile, who owns Advantage Rooter, and Lavioris Grisby, who is his driver, were charged Friday with three counts of illegal dumping of human waste.

A witness recorded three incidents on his cellphone. One of the alleged incidents shows a worker pump out community septic tanks at a condo and repeatedly empty the content into a city manhole.

According to a police report, the truck held 3,500 gallons of sewage, weighing about 15 tons. A witness said some of the raw sewage spilled everywhere.

## 2 arrested after 57 dogs seized by officials

**NC** CHAPEL HILL — A mother and son were arrested in North Carolina after authorities seized 57 dogs and puppies from two properties.

WRAL-TV reported that Chapel Hill residents Cynthia Riggan, 65, and Taylor Doar, 35, have been charged with animal cruelty.

The station reported that officials searched the properties after receiving information Wednesday about malnourished animals and unsanitary conditions.

Bob Marotto, director of the Orange County Animal Services Department, said all dogs will undergo medical evaluations and receive necessary treatment.

He added that the animals will remain at a county-run facility throughout the legal process.

## Famed deli shuttered for sanitary violations

**NY** NEW YORK — New York health officials have shut down one of the city's oldest, best-known delis for sanitary violations including mice and roaches.

The New York Post reported that health department inspectors visited Barney Greengrass on Manhattan's Upper West Side last week.

The site violations also included not keeping food hot enough and lack of vermin-proofing. In addition, inspectors described employee clothing as "soiled" and food not protected from contamination.

The deli on Amsterdam Avenue, which opened in 1908, remained closed Saturday.

## New camera could help in fight against python

**FL** ORLANDO — A new camera that uses special wavelengths of light could help Florida in its fight against the invasive Burmese python.

Researchers at the University of Central Florida and the non-profit company Insec developed the camera to help expose the snake. The python is typically



ROBIN RAYNE/AP

## Improbable pair on parade

A volunteer member of the "Pansy Patrol," right, walks beside one of a group of street and open-air preachers who were counterprotesting the city's Gay Pride Parade in Atlanta on Saturday. The march was part of the annual Gay Pride Festival.

very difficult to detect because of its camouflage markings. Thermal imaging doesn't work because pythons are cold-blooded and adopt the temperature of their surroundings.

The Palm Beach Post reported that researchers plan to attach a drone that will allow the camera to identify a python and alert hunters.

## 11 injured when car crashes into hayride

**IL** LITTLE ROCK TOWNSHIP — A northern Illinois woman was ticketed for driving her car into a hayride wagon carrying 14 adult passengers, injuring 11 of them.

The Kendall County Sheriff's Department said a car driven by Kaitlin Minick, 22, of DeKalb slammed into the rear of the wagon being towed by a tractor Saturday in Little Rock Township. Authorities said the car was ticketed for failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident.

Little Rock-Fox Fire Chief Greg Wittek said three of the wagon passengers were hospitalized in serious condition.

Fire officials said Minick's vehicle flipped over in the crash. She was treated at the scene.

## Police: Man used Uber to transport meth

**UT** PROVO — An Uber passenger in Utah is

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a promise to the deputy to "make you happier than you can imagine." Authorities said Quintana was pulled over after his black Chevy Camaro was clocked going 72 mph in a 35 mph zone outside Santa Fe. Santa Fe County Sheriff's Deputy Anthony Segura said Quintana smelled of alcohol and refused an alcohol breath test. Authorities found \$25,275 cash, Oxycontin pills and 35 grams of cocaine inside Quintana's car. He faces multiple charges.

facing charges after police said he used the ride-hailing service to transport nearly 11 pounds of methamphetamine.

The Provo Daily Herald reported that Edgar Esteban Ramos Valdez was arrested Friday following a confrontation with a Provo officer who spotted the Uber passenger acting nervously.

According to a police report, an Uber driver picked up Valdez, 22, at a Provo hotel and he got into the vehicle with the bag of meth.

The Uber driver drew police attention by following too closely and making improper lane changes. The suspicious officer brought in a K-9 to the scene and found the bag of drugs.

## 2 charged at farm where pigs escaped

**VT** ORANGE — Two people have been charged in a burglary at a Vermont farm where hundreds of pigs got loose.

The amount of a bribe a DWI suspect in New Mexico allegedly offered a sheriff's deputy during a traffic stop. The Santa Fe New Mexican reported that Phillip Quintana, 36, was arrested early Saturday following an alleged \$10,000 bribe offer and

WCAIX-TV reported that, according to court records, a woman and her boyfriend ended up stealing tools from the Sugar Mountain Farm in Orange in August.

That's two weeks after the pigs broke free.

Walter Jeffries, the owner of the farm, said the pigs escaped from the enclosure after someone cut his fences.

## Man tells jailers he shouldn't be released

**OH** CLEVELAND — An Ohio man who told jailers he shouldn't be released is back behind bars at a county jail in Cleveland.

Cleveland.com reported that Francisco Cruz, 36, called a Cuyahoga County judge after his release from the county lockup earlier this month and asked how he could return to jail.

A state prison term for drug

possession and domestic violence ended Oct. 2, the same day Cruz was sentenced to a community corrections facility for another drug possession conviction.

He was released despite telling officials he was supposed to remain in jail until his transfer to the other facility, where he'd receive drug treatment.

Judge John Russo called the facility on Cruz's behalf and learned it only accepted inmates from jails.

Cruz met with his parole officer Thursday and is back in jail.

## Cops: Woman pushed man out of wheelchair

**FL** PENSACOLA — Authorities arrested a Florida woman they allege pushed an amputee out of his wheelchair during an argument.

Escambia County Sheriff's Office officials said the victim reported that he and Ashley Hacker, 28, had been arguing over clothes when Hacker allegedly threatened to push the victim from his wheelchair and then did so.

According to an arrest report, the man said he fell and hit his ankle.

The Pensacola News Journal reported that deputies found Hacker hiding in a shed in the backyard. The relationship between Hacker and the victim is unclear.

From wire reports





# SHIFTING GEARS



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## BMW's Apple CarPlay fee is a money grab

By MARK PHELAN

Detroit Free Press

**T**he 2019 BMW 330i sport sedan explores how to meld the brand's claim to be the "ultimate driving machine" with rising levels of driver assistance, but it locks down the title for "ultimate display of gall by an automaker."

For 2020, BMW moved from its previous practice of charging customers once for a feature other brands made standard years ago to requiring an annual subscription fee, in perpetuity.

We're talking about Apple CarPlay here. It's standard equipment in vehicles including the Chevy Equinox, Honda Civic and Hyundai Sonata. I name those three competitors because you could buy one of each for less than the \$58,925 sticker of the 330i I recently tested.

CarPlay reduces driver distraction significantly by using excellent voice recognition to easily access the smartphone features you're most likely to want while driving: navigation, music, phone calls and finding a business' address or phone number. It reads text messages to you and takes dictation for replies. It also projects driving-friendly versions of those features on the vehicle's touch screen.

No infotainment system is perfect, but CarPlay comes close. It significantly reduces the temptation to take your eyes off the road and provides limited, simple touch screen features you can use about as easily as reaching for a volume or tuning knob.

BMW makes the first year of CarPlay free, so you've got plenty of time to get hooked on how valuable the feature is. After that, BMW owners must pay \$80 a year to keep the feature, every year you own the 330i, unless you choose to pay an extra \$300 up front for lifetime coverage.

The charges apply to every BMW that has a navigation system, including \$100,000-plus vehicles like the glorious 8-series coupe.

It's an avaricious policy customers

should scorn and resist. Apple does not participate in the policy or get any of the subscription money BMW takes in.

In fact, Apple doesn't charge automakers a cent for CarPlay. The company considers it just another update to its iPhone operating system, like all the other free updates it provides. Automakers' only cost is the engineering to make the infotainment system compatible with iPhones.

We'll get back to CarPlay, but first, a few words about the pretty good car this money grab came wrapped in.

The 3-series sport sedan has been BMW's signature car for decades. The seventh-generation car went on sale as a 2019 model. I drove one just as the model years changed, but there were no meaningful changes in 330i features or price for the 2020s that are on sale now. BMW did add more powerful and expensive M340i models for 2020. I have not tested an M340i yet.

BMW dropped the base 320i model when the new 3-series arrived. The entry-level model for 2019 and 2020 becomes the 330i, with more power and standard fea-

tures. The 320i had just 180 horsepower. The old-gen 330i got 248 and 258 pound-feet of torque from the same displacement. The bigger 330i sees torque improve impressively, to 295 pound-feet. Horsepower grows more modestly, to 255.

An eight-speed automatic transmission is the only gearbox offered, the first time the 3-series hasn't offered a manual gearbox.

The new 3-series is 2.9 inches longer than its predecessor, but passenger and luggage space didn't change much. Rear legroom remains tight. Weight increased about 40 pounds. That's modest, particularly considering how many features BMW added, including contemporary driver assistance features.

Dropping the 320i base model meant the base price for the 3-series as a whole significantly, but model for model — 2018 330i to 2019 330i — the price was unchanged at \$40,250. That rose to \$40,750 for 2020.

The 330i's base price is very competitive with sport sedans like the Alfa Romeo Giulia, Audi A4, Infiniti Q50, Lexus IS, Mercedes C300 and Volvo S60. As the list above suggests, options add up fast, however.

My test car stickered at \$58,925, securely in the upper strata of sport sedans with comparable powertrains.

The new 330i's changes in power and weight are modest, so your expectations of performance should be too.

The 2019/20 accelerates from 0-60 mph in 5.6 seconds by BMW's account, 0.1 slower than the 2018.

Despite that, throttle response is good. The 330i accelerates with authority around town and on the highway.

The Environmental Protection Agency rates the 330i at 26 mpg in the city, 36 on the highway and 30 in combined driving. The key combined figure ties the Audi A4 for the lead. The other competitors I've named trail by 2 to 6 mpg.

The 330i's handling is sharp and precise, despite its increased size and weight. The electric power steering is exceptionally quick, but adjusts for a clear on-center feel on the highway. The new body and suspen-

sion combine to create a ride that's comfortable but also keeps the car stable and planted in sharp maneuvers.

BMW says its fee for CarPlay reflects the engineering changes it will make to keep the feature up to date as technology evolves.

That sounds sort of like the downloads to the features and operating system of your iPhone ... except, of course, Apple provides those for free, apparently on the assumption that its customers expect their device kept up to date.

Even brand new, the wireless application of CarPlay worked inconsistently. BMW's process to pair your phone is also less intuitive than that of the leaders.

At some point, of course, Apple stops providing updates, as new features outstrip the hardware of old devices. BMW promises to keep updating CarPlay for 20 years, if you keep paying, but that promise will be sorely tested if Apple's technology outstrips the car's hardware.

Apple wasn't involved in BMW's decision to charge for CarPlay. Nor did Apple modify the feature so BMW can shut CarPlay off if you stop paying for updates.

BMW sold 232,427 vehicles in North America through September. If every owner paid \$80 a year for CarPlay, that's \$18.5 million in revenue a year for nine months' sales in North America alone, and North America accounts for less than 15% of BMW's global sales.

Even at German labor rates, that looks like a rather aggressive markup over the actual cost of sending an over-the-air or downloadable update like the ones most cars will soon get for many systems.

I hope BMW owners balk at the charge. If one automaker can get away with charging for CarPlay — and eventually its counterpart, Android Auto — it's only a matter of time before others do the same thing.

CarPlay works so well it should be available to as many drivers as possible.

### BMW 330i



**Highs:** Handling, touch screen

**Lows:** Charge for Apple CarPlay, unstable connection for wireless CarPlay, rear leg room

**Engine/motor:** 2.0-liter turbocharged 4 cylinder

**Transmission:** Eight-speed automatic

**Base price:** \$40,750

**Wheelbase/length/width:** 112.2/185.7/71.3

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## OPINION

## Trump's retreat in Syria turns into a mess

By ISHAAN THAROOR

The Washington Post

A week ago, President Donald Trump shocked Washington and announced he wouldn't impede an imminent Turkish invasion of northeastern Syria. Now, in the space of just a few days, his administration is already reaping what it sowed.

Turkey's incursions at various points along its border with Syria began Wednesday and by the weekend had plunged the region into chaos. Turkish artillery pounded Syrian Kurdish positions while footage emerged appearing to show Turkish-affiliated militiamen carrying out grisly roadside executions of Kurdish fighters allied to the United States. Tens of thousands of panicked civilians attempted to flee the Turkish-led advance, raising fears of an eventual exodus into Iraqi Kurdistan, where more than 1 million people displaced by conflict still live in camps.

Trump insisted on Twitter that his country ought to be rid of its commitments in the "quicksand" of the Middle East. Secretary of Defense Mark Esper told CBS' "Face the Nation" on Sunday that the United States was now in "a very untenable situation" and would evacuate its roughly 1,000 troops in northeastern Syria entirely.

"The order to remove troops came Saturday, toward the end of a chaotic day in which the viability of the U.S. mission in Syria rapidly unraveled after Turkish troops and their Syrian rebel proxies advanced deep into Syrian territory and cut U.S. supply lines," my colleagues reported. It flew in the face of the Pentagon's assurances last week that the U.S. would not "abandon" its northeastern partners, who have been on the front line of the war against Islamic State and borne the brunt of the casualties in a U.S.-led campaign.

But security headaches have only mushroomed amid American maneuvers to

withdraw. Hundreds of ISIS detainees may have escaped a prison camp run by beleaguered Syrian Kurdish fighters. Separately, in the late hours of Sunday, reports indicated Syrian regime forces were also converging on areas once guarded by the Syrian Democratic Forces, the Kurdish-led alliance now in Turkey's crosshairs.

Hung out to dry by the U.S., the SDF turned to Syrian President Bashar Assad for protection. A senior Syrian Kurdish politician told Reuters that SDF officials met counterparts in the Assad regime at a Russian air base in Syria to hash out a deal. By Sunday evening, the SDF confirmed that, to repel or stall the Turkish invasion, it had invited the regime into areas it had formerly controlled with U.S. protection.

Turkey's thinly veiled goal in launching the invasion was to smash Rojava, the name for the autonomous enclave in northeastern Syria carved off by the SDF. Ankara views the main Syrian Kurdish faction as a direct outgrowth of the PKK, an outlawed Kurdish separatist group that has fought a bloody, decades-long insurgency in Turkey. If northeastern Syria falls back under the security umbrella of Damascus, that may be a satisfying outcome for the Turks. Russia's role in brokering the rapprochement between Assad and the Syrian Kurds after the Turkish invasion may be a sign, analysts suggested, of a tacit Syrian endgame being thrashed out by the Turks and the Russians.

Meanwhile, the Trump administration painted itself as a somewhat helpless bystander. "We have American forces likely caught between two opposing advancing armies," Esper told CBS. In his Sunday tweets, Trump seemed to waver away any interest in the battle and reiterated his position that the U.S. must not be involved in the intense fighting along the Syrian-Turkish border. That followed reports Friday that Turkish artillery appeared to be firing multiple "bracketing" rounds near

positions manned by U.S. Special Forces, an astonishing act by a NATO ally that U.S. officials believed was deliberate.

Trump attempted to underscore his point of view with a garbled history lesson, but it only emphasized his lack of genuine engagement in the conflict, which is being carried out in Iraq from the control of fighters affiliated with factions based in the semiautonomous Iraqi region of Kurdistan.

Whatever the case, some experts argued the sudden American departure from northeastern Syria was inevitable — if not the chaotic manner in which it's being carried out. Trump has been determined for months to pull out U.S. forces. American support of the SDF — no matter the great affection for the Syrian Kurdish fighters among U.S. politicians and military officials — was always in conflict with Washington's need to keep Turkey on its side.

At the same time, somewhat in opposition to the president, senior Trump officials steered a policy that let the SDF believe it had "indefinite" backing from the United States. They also pursued an ambitious agenda of ending Iranian influence in the region, which is being carried out with Trump's desire for an exit.

"For three years we have kidded ourselves about this, and those that pushed policies at odds with Trump, working to sketch out a maximalist policy that ignored Ankara's obvious intent, and the wishes of the world's most powerful man, should be ashamed," Aaron Stein, director of the Foreign Policy Research Institute, said to Al-Monitor.

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## Should U.S. accept that N. Korean nukes aren't going?

By DONALD KIRK

InsideSources.com

No way can President Donald Trump dream of a foreign policy success on North Korea's nukes and missiles as a break from the cacophony of one revelation after another of his dubious dealings with Ukraine, China and maybe other world powers. The Americans can conjure all the formulae imaginable for inducing the North Koreans to do away with their nuclear program, but it's not going to happen. Kim Jong Un needs it too much to bolster the image of his power at home and abroad, and he knows very well his U.S. buddy in the White House is not going to go to war to get him to give up a thing.

That reality begs the question, should we just accept that North Korea has its nukes and missiles and that's that? Without saying so, isn't that what we've been doing for years? North Korea really believed U.S. military moves, including intimidation by bombers flying up from Guam and war games featuring "assassination" of the leader, would ever go beyond the make-believe stage.

North Korea's latest rhetoric is keyed to the implicit understanding that the United States is not going to initiate Korea War. It's just a gets rid of the advance of North Korea's nuclear program. The new North Korean negotiator, Kim Myong Gil, probably did not present any serious proposal at all when he saw the U.S. negotiator, Stephen Biegun, in Stockholm the other day.

All he did was listen, in the view of Evans Revere, a former U.S. diplomat in Seoul and then on the Korea desk of the

State Department. Finally, after Biegun had been blathering on for eight hours and 30 minutes, Kim figured he'd had enough. The Americans were just going to give up sanctions while Kim stuck tenaciously to his nukes and missiles.

One wonders if Kim Myong Gil, who helped negotiate the 1994 Geneva framework under which the North Koreans did suspend their nuclear program under pressure from the North Korea. That goal, the International Atomic Energy Agency, was periodically on the line to Pyongyang during the latest talks. He may well have been getting guidance by phone from the Foreign Ministry, perhaps the first vice foreign minister, Choe Son Hui, known for yielding nothing in meetings with a string of American visitors, including Secretary of State Mike Pompeo.

None of the yakking has a prayer of working, as Kim Myong Gil presumably is well aware, unless or until the Americans come up with a scheme that would amount to the U.S. giving up its nuclear goal may not be so far-fetched. The Americans pulled out of South Vietnam in 1973, two years before the North Vietnamese stormed victorious into Saigon.

North Korea strategists are counting on Trump and others around him to tire of the end-stage of war with the Korean Peninsula. Wasn't Trump hinting at "Korea fatigue" every time he declared what a great deal he'd gotten with Kim Jong Un? If only his subordinates fine-tuned the details, he seriously believed, the North Korean problem would be history.

Kim Myong Gil, who has also dealt with Americans while serving as ambassador

at the United Nations, had only to sit back and listen as Biegun rattled off alternatives. They all came down to the bottom line, eventually, some how, some day North Korea had to emerge nuclear-free from the miasma of the current talks. That done, as Trump has said more than once, the North would be the beneficiaries of about all the American aid and advice they wanted.

The North Korean negotiating style was obvious. Having listened to all Biegun had to offer, they could say nothing doing. Then they would come back with real concessions. That might still happen.

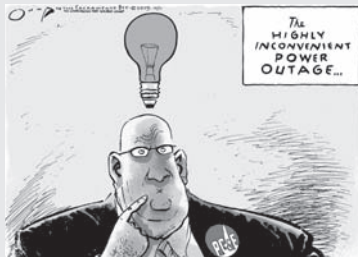
Just imagine, though, the chorus of abuse, the catcalls and insults Trump would have to endure if he made a weak deal with the North Koreans, gave up sanctions and fell for a phony "end-of-war" declaration in the midst of impeachment hearings against him. Sure, in theory he'd like to sit down again with Kim, but such a gesture would be pointless if it rebounded against him while he was about to be impeached by the House of Representatives. Could it be that the Republican-controlled Senate might approve the impeachment and send Trump packing?

The future of anything to do with Korea is always hard to predict, but Trump must like the numbers he's getting: in the U.S., unemployment way down; in South Korea, President Moon Jae-in's approval sinking to new lows. Maybe Vice President Mike Pence won't need to figure out what's going on after all.

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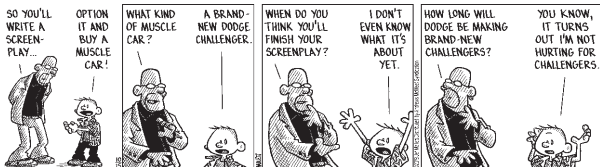


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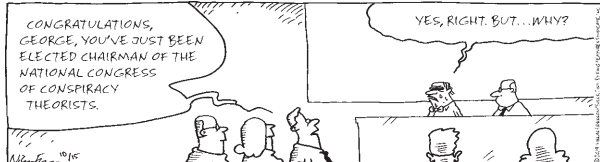
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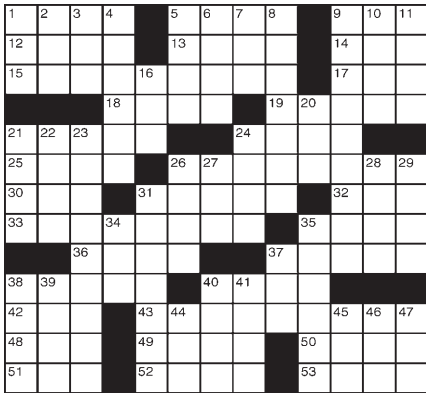
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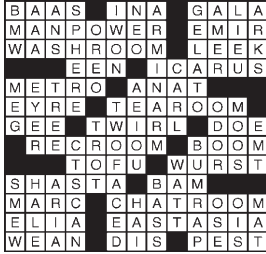
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- 14 Rage
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- 18 Leaves
- 19 Venue
- 21 Plus
- 24 Netting
- 25 Scrooge's cries
- 26 Bluegrass State
- 30 Swelled head
- 31 Audition CDs
- 32 Slangy suffix
- 33 Confined, as in a jail
- 35 Computer brand
- 36 Smooch
- 37 Microwaved
- 38 "Wheel of Fortune" host
- 40 Sudan neighbor
- 42 Egg (Pref.)
- 43 Drywall brand
- 48 Calendar abbr.
- 49 Black, in verse
- 50 Buffalo's county
- 51 Biblical boat

### DOWN

- 1 "Incidentally," in a text
- 2 Tic-tac-toe win
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## NBA/NHL

# Rockets put focus on hoops, not fallout

By KRISTIE RIEKEN  
Associated Press

**HOUSTON** — The Rockets are back home in Houston, looking to leave behind the distractions from their trip to Asia.

Their two games in Japan were overshadowed by the aftermath of a tweet by general manager Daryl Morey in support for anti-government protesters in Hong Kong, angering fans and officials in China.

In their first practice since returning, the Rockets insisted they wouldn't let the fallout distract them from preparing for the season.

"Guys can handle it," coach Mike D'Antoni said. "We still got good work in. Everything's fine, but you know what happened (is) regrettable, and it happened, but as I said, our work will get done."

Veteran P.J. Tucker denied that dealing with this situation has been a distraction to this team trying to contend for its first title since winning back-to-back championships in 1994-95.

"Not really, honestly," he said. "This time of season, everybody's getting in shape, getting ready for the season, focusing in. So with all of the things that go on in life, and whatever, this is still our job, so we still come in and do our job every single day."

The Rockets were in Hawaii on Oct. 4 to play a preseason game against the Los Angeles Clippers on the first leg of a trip that included two games in Japan when Morey tweeted an image that said: "Fight For Freedom. Stand With Hong Kong." His tweet was in reference to pro-democracy demonstrations in the semi-autonomous Chinese territory that has been mired in escalating violence between protesters and law enforcement.

The tweet was deleted soon after it was posted, and Rockets owner and billionaire casino and restaurant owner Tilman Fertitta quickly rebuked his GM with a tweet saying that Morey does not speak for the team.

D'Antoni was swift response from Fertitta, the damage was already done. Former Rockets star Yao Ming took offense to Morey's support for the anti-government protesters and as president of the Chinese Basketball Association, suspended its ties to the Rockets.

D'Antoni was asked if there is anything the coaches and players can do to help repair things with China.

"We've just got to keep playing and keep trying to be good ambassadors for the game, that's all the players can do," he said. "And that will let the NBA and the Houston Rockets sort things out."



The Jets' Blake Wheeler, center, collides into Penguins' Kris Letang, left, and goaltender Tristan Jarry during the third period on Sunday in Winnipeg, Manitoba. Jarry stopped 27 shots and Pittsburgh rolled to a 7-2 victory.

FRED GREENSLADE, THE CANADIAN PRESS/AP

## NHL scoreboards

Eastern Conference									
Atlantic Division									
GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA			
Buffalo	5	4	1	0	9	21	13		
Boston	5	4	1	0	8	12	8		
Toronto	5	3	2	0	1	21	22		
Detroit	5	3	2	0	6	16	16		
Montreal	5	2	1	2	6	21	21		
Tampa Bay	5	2	2	1	5	20	17		
Florida	5	1	2	2	4	13	20		
Ottawa	5	0	2	3	2	12	17		
Metropolitan Division									
Carolina	6	5	1	0	10	24	16		
Pittsburgh	6	5	1	0	9	25	16		
Washington	6	3	3	0	2	19	17		
Philadelphia	6	3	2	1	7	17	17		
N.Y. Rangers	3	2	1	0	4	11	9		
N.Y. Islanders	3	2	1	0	4	12	15		
Columbus	5	2	3	0	4	11	18		
New Jersey	5	0	3	2	2	9	23		
Western Conference									
Central Division									
GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA			
Colorado	4	4	0	0	8	16	9		
Winnipeg	7	4	3	0	8	24	26		
St. Louis	5	3	1	1	7	17	17		
Nashville	5	3	2	0	6	23	21		
Dallas	5	2	3	0	1	13	19		
Chicago	3	0	2	1	1	10	12		
Minnesota	5	0	4	0	0	9	21		
Pacific Division									
Edmonton	5	5	0	0	10	22	13		
Anaheim	4	4	1	0	8	11	6		
Vegas	6	4	2	0	8	24	14		
Calgary	5	4	1	0	8	20	20		
Vancouver	4	2	2	0	4	13	10		
Los Angeles	5	2	2	1	4	20	29		
San Jose	5	2	2	1	4	20	29		
Arizona	5	1	2	2	4	13	20		

**Notes:** Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss, two points for three wins in each division and two wild cards per conference advance to playoffs.

**Sunday's games**  
Pittsburgh 7, Winnipeg 2  
Vegas 5, Los Angeles 2  
San Jose 3, Calgary 1

**Monday's games**  
Anaheim at Boston  
Minnesota at Ottawa  
Florida at New Jersey  
Dallas at Buffalo  
Colorado at Washington  
Edmonton at Chicago

**Tuesday's games**  
Tampa Bay at Montreal  
Minnesota at Toronto  
Arizona at Winnipeg  
Philadelphia at Calgary  
Detroit at Vancouver  
Nashville at Vegas  
San Jose at Los Angeles

**Wednesday's games**  
Dallas at Columbus  
Colorado at Pittsburgh  
Buffalo at Washington  
Philadelphia at Edmonton  
Toronto at Anaheim  
Carolina at San Jose

## Sunday Penguins 7, Jets 2

**Pittsburgh** 1 1 3 3-7  
**Winnipeg** 1 1 0-2  
**First Period**—1, Winnipeg, Perreault 2 (Kulikov, Rodqvist), 1:47, 2, Pittsburgh, Aston-Reese 1 (Blugger, Tanveer), 4:09.  
**Second Period**—3, Pittsburgh, Guentzel 3 (Dumoulin, Pettersson), 7:50 (pp), 4, Pittsburgh, Laferty 2 (Letang, Blandisi), 8:31, 5, Winnipeg, Schellefse 3 (Morrisey, Laine), 10:00 (pp), 6, Pittsburgh, Simon 1 (Pettersson, Crosby), 16:28.  
**Third Period**—7, Pittsburgh, Laferty 3 (Schultz, Aston-Reese), 9:13, 8, Pittsburgh, Guentzel 4 (Letang, Crosby), 11:40, 9, Pittsburgh, Aston-Reese 2, 14:46 (sh).  
**Shots on goal**—Pittsburgh 9-10-9=28, Winnipeg 9-10-10=29.

**Power-play opportunities**—Pittsburgh 1 of 2; Winnipeg 1 of 6.  
**Goals**—Pittsburgh, Jarry 1-0-0 (29 shots-27 saves), Winnipeg, Brossit 1-2-0 (28-21).  
**A**—15,325 (15,321), T—2:30.

## Golden Knights 5, Kings 2

**Vegas** 2 2 1 5-5  
**Los Angeles** 1 0 1-2  
**First Period**—1, Vegas, Smith 4 (Karlsson), 5:42, 2, Vegas, Pacioretty 2 (Theodore, Stastny), 6:59 (pp), 3, Los Angeles, Wagner 1 (Walker, Kempe), 7:49.  
**Second Period**—4, Vegas, Stastny 2 (Theodore, Pacioretty), 14:51 (pp), 5, Vegas, Stastny 3 (Marchessault, Hage), 17:00 (pp).  
**Third Period**—6, Los Angeles, Brown 3 (Kopitar, Infante), 4:24, 7, Vegas, Stone 4 (Pacioretty, Stastny), 4:41.  
**Shots on goal**—Vegas 7-23-6=36, Los Angeles 16-14-18=38.

**Power-play opportunities**—Vegas 3 of 3; Los Angeles 0 of 3.  
**Goals**—Vegas, Fleury 4-1-0 (38 shots-36 saves), Los Angeles, Quick 0-3-0 (36-31).  
**A**—17,699 (18,230), T—2:26.

## Sharks 3, Flames 1

**Calgary** 0 0 1 0-1  
**Los Angeles** 2 1 0-3  
**First Period**—1, San Jose, Meier 1 (Marleau, Couture), 3:04, 2, San Jose, Labanc 2 (Hertl, E.Karlsson), 10:13.  
**Second Period**—3, Calgary, Lindholm 3 (Brodeur), 6:43, 4, San Jose, Hertl 1 (Couture), 12:08 (sh).  
**Third Period**—None.  
**Shots on goal**—Calgary 11-11-11=33, San Jose 6-11-3=20.  
**Power-play opportunities**—Calgary 0 of 4; San Jose 0 of 2.  
**Goals**—Calgary, Talbot 0-1-0 (29 shots-36 saves), San Jose, Jones 1-3-0 (33-32).  
**A**—16,250 (17,562), T—2:29.

## Roundup

# Penguins try simple approach, rout Jets

Associated Press

**WINNIPEG, Manitoba** — Injuries to some key players has forced the Pittsburgh Penguins to play a simpler game, and it's working out quite well for them.

Zach Aston-Reese, Sam Laferty and Jake Guentzel each had two goals to lead the Pittsburgh Penguins to a 7-2 win over the Winnipeg Jets on Sunday night.

Domink Simon also scored and Aston-Reese also had an assist for the Penguins. Tristan Jarry stopped 27 shots.

"We talk a lot about being hard to play against," Pittsburgh coach Mike Sullivan said. "It starts with your own puck possession, the decisions you make, the line changes, when you change. You put your teammates in good positions because you change at the right time. The tracking on the puck and the back pressure on the puck so you have numbers back."

"For me this is the definition of being hard to play against and it's a recipe for success, regardless of who's in your lineup."  
Forwards Nick Bjugstad, Alex Galchenyuk, Evgeni Malkin and Bryan Rust are all on Pittsburgh's injured reserve list but the Penguins improved to 4-2-0 with their second win on the road this week.

"We've got different guys stepping up and we've got guys coming out of the lineup," Guentzel

said. "So it just kind of happens like that and when you lose star power like that you're just got to be simple and we've getting better at it."

Both teams were playing back-to-back games and lacked zip.

**Golden Knights 5, Kings 2:** Paul Stastny scored twice on the power play, Max Pacioretty added a power-play goal and visiting Vegas beat Los Angeles.

Reilly Smith and Mark Stone also scored, and Marc-Andre Fleury made 36 saves as the Golden Knights swept their first set of back-to-back games.

Vegas was 3-for-3 on the power play after starting the season 3-for-17 with the man-advantage.

Jonathan Quick allowed five goals on 36 shots for the Kings.

**Sharks 3, Flames 1:** Tomas Hertl had a goal and an assist to help host San Jose beat Calgary.

Timo Meier and Kevin Labanc also scored as San Jose won their second straight after an 0-4-0 start. Logan Couture had two assists and Patrick Marleau had one in his first home game since rejoining the Sharks. Martin Jones stopped 32 shots after posting a 4.55 goals-against average while losing his first three starts.

Elias Lindholm scored for Calgary, which has lost two straight and three of its last four.

The Flames were playing their third road game in four days and second in as many days.



# MLB PLAYOFFS

# Yankees' bullpen buckles in 11th

## New York uses parade of relievers in losing effort

By STEPHEN HAWKINS  
Associated Press

HOUSTON — The Yankees went to the bullpen early and kept a parade of relievers going to the mound — even CC Sabathia.

But New York's bullpen buckled in the 11th inning when Carlos Correa led off with a home run off J.A. Happ, the Yankees' ninth pitcher, to give the Houston Astros a 3-2 win Sunday that tied the AL Championship Series at one game apiece.

On a night starter James Paxton lasted just 2½ innings and 51 pitches, Yankees manager Aaron Boone treated the third inning like he would the sixth during the regular season.

"Just felt like we were covered as far as today with getting some length and having guys rested. Obviously going into an off day tomorrow we're just going to be aggressive," Boone said.

Paxton allowed Correa's RBI double in the second, escaped further trouble, then was replaced by Chad Green with one on and one out in the third.

"Thought he was struggling with his command," Boone said.

Green retired six straight batters, and Yankees went ahead 2-1 on Aaron Judge's two-run homer in the fourth off Justin Verlander.

Adam Ottavino came on with one out in the fifth and George Springer homered on his first pitch, a flat slider.

"He didn't miss it when I made the mistake," Ottavino said.

Tommy Kahnle pitched 2½ hitless innings, Zack Britton worked around one-out walks in the eighth and Aroldis Chapman struck out the sixth in the ninth around a two-out walk, a taxing inning that took 25 pitches.

Sabathia made the third relief appearance of his career when he entered to start the 10th, falling behind Michael Brantley 3-0 in the count before retiring him on a grounder.



MATT SLOCUM/AP

New York Yankees pitcher CC Sabathia comes into the game against the Astros during the 10th inning in Game 2 of the American League Championship Series on Sunday in Houston.

The 39-year-old former AL Cy Young Award winner, who plans to retire after this season, caused teammates to laugh when he left the mound after the first one-batter appearance in his big league career.

"That run in almost killed me," burly Sabathia said, repeating what he told Boone about going to the mound from the bullpen in deep left field.

Out of high-leverage relievers, Boone brought in Jonathan Loaisiga, who walked two batters, then was replaced by Happ. The 36-year-old left-hander escaped the jam, striking out rookie Yordan Alvarez and retiring Yuli Gurriel on a flyout.

Happ tried to elevate a fastball to Correa on his first pitch of the 11th.

"He put a good swing on it and got it," Happ said.

Boone said he never really worried about running out of pitchers. Luis Cessa and Tyler Lyons were the only New York relievers not used.

"You're playing it to win the game. You're not playing it to ... what if we go 13?" Boone said. "The bottom line is we end up giving up a third run in the 11th inning. I'd say from a run prevention standpoint it went pretty well."

Houston had five relievers combine for 4½ innings of one-hit shutout ball after starter Justin Verlander left with the score 2-2.

Tampa Bay used at least five pitchers in the Division Series, an ALDS-record 31 stints over five games.

# Beater: Correa's 27 postseason RBIs most in franchise history

FROM BACK PAGE

"I've got my swing back," he said then. "I'm going to hit a homer tonight."

And with a swing that kept Houston from falling into an 0-2 hole, he did just that.

"Going into that last inning I thought: 'I got this. I feel like I got this,'" Correa said. "And I had the right approach against him. I've been successful against him going the other way. And that's what I try to do. I saw a good pitch down the middle and I drove the other way."

Correa watched the ball sail, tossed his bat, put his hand to one ear to soak in the roars of the crowd and then held up one finger as he rounded the bases. As he approached home plate, he tossed his helmet as if shooting a basketball at the crowd of teammates waiting for him.

"As soon as I hit it I knew it was going to go over the fence," he said. "The adrenaline started pumping like crazy. I not even know what I did. I've got to watch the video. But I know I was so hyped."

Correa's big night gave him 27



KEVIN M. COX, THE GALVESTON COUNTY DAILY NEWS/AP

Astros shortstop Carlos Correa is mobbed by his teammates at home plate after hitting a walk-off home run on Sunday.

RBIs in the postseason to pass Lance Berkman for the most in franchise history. And it was a familiar scene — in Game 2 of the 2017 ALCS against the Yankees, Correa hit a walk-off double in the ninth.

"You look at his RBI totals in

the postseason, you look at his walk-offs, you look at the big moments, he's a pretty special man," manager AJ Hinch said.

Game 3 is Tuesday afternoon at Yankee Stadium. Gerrit Cole, who is 18-0 in his last 24 starts, and led the majors in strikeouts,

starts for the Astros against Luis Severino.

"The game of baseball, it's a beautiful game," said Correa, who ended an 0-for-14 slump with an RBI double in the second off James Paxton, who lasted just 2½ innings.

New York lost for the first time this postseason after four wins.

"It was a struggle tonight," Yankees manager Aaron Boone said. "They're tough to score runs off, especially on a night when Verlander is out there."

Aaron Judge put the Yankees on top 2-1 with a two-run shot off Verlander in the fourth. It was his first homer this postseason and the eighth in his playoff career.

George Springer tied it in the fifth with his franchise-record 12th career postseason home run. The 2017 World Series MVP homered on the first pitch after reliever Adam Ottavino entered.

"Just back and forth — the two best ballclubs in the game," Judge said. "I wish we could have come away with two here, but now time to regroup and get ready for Tuesday."

## Scoreboard

### Playoffs

<b>x-if necessary</b> <b>WILDCARD</b> Washington 4, Milwaukee 3 Tampa Bay 5, Oakland 1	
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<b>National League</b> <b>(Best-of-five)</b> Washington 3, L.A. Dodgers 2 L.A. Dodgers 6, Washington 0 Washington 4, L.A. Dodgers 2 L.A. Dodgers 10, Washington 4 Washington 6, L.A. Dodgers 1 Washington 7, L.A. Dodgers 3, 10 innings <b>St. Louis 3, Atlanta 2</b> St. Louis 7, Atlanta 6 Atlanta 3, St. Louis 0 Atlanta 3, St. Louis 1 St. Louis 5, Atlanta 4, 10 innings St. Louis 13, Atlanta 1	
<b>LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES</b> <b>(Best-of-seven)</b> <b>American League</b> <b>N.Y. Yankees 1, Houston 1</b> New York 7, Houston 0 Sunday: Houston 3, New York 2, 11 innings <b>Tuesday: Houston (Cole 20-5) at N.Y. Yankees (Seaver 1-1), 8 p.m. ET, 9 a.m. Wednesday</b> <b>N.T. Wednesday, Oct. 16 at Houston</b> <b>National League</b> <b>Washington 2, St. Louis 0</b> Washington 3, St. Louis 1 Monday: Washington 10, St. Louis (Hudson 16-7) at Washington (Corbin 14-7), 8 p.m. ET, 9 a.m. Wednesday <b>N.T. Wednesday, Oct. 16 at St. Louis</b> <b>National League</b> <b>St. Louis 3, Atlanta 2</b> St. Louis 7, Atlanta 6 Atlanta 3, St. Louis 0 Atlanta 3, St. Louis 1 St. Louis 5, Atlanta 4, 10 innings St. Louis 13, Atlanta 1	

<b>Sunday</b> <b>Astros 3, Yankees 2 (11)</b>	
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### Calendar

**Oct. 22 — World Series starts.**  
**October TBA —** Trading resumes, day after World Series.  
**November TBA —** Deadline for teams to file for qualifying batters to be eligible for former players who became free agents, fifth day after World Series.  
**November TBA —** Deadline for free agents to accept qualifying offers, 15th day after World Series.  
**Nov. 11-14 —** General managers' meetings, 11th day after World Series.  
**Nov. 11-14 —** Year-end awards announced.  
**Nov. 19-21 —** Owners' meetings, Arlington, Texas.  
**Dec. 1 —** Last day for teams to offer 2020 contracts to unsigned players on their 40-man rosters.

## GYMNASTICS/MILITARY



MARIAN MURRAY, DPA/AP

**Simone Biles shows the five gold medals she won at the Gymnastics World Championships in Stuttgart, Germany. Because of Biles, IOC president Thomas Bach said "Gymnastics has all the ingredients to be top another time, I must say. A top Olympic event in Tokyo."**

## Biles set to be face of Tokyo Olympics

BY JAMES ELLINGWORTH  
Associated Press

STUTTGART, Germany — Next stop Tokyo for Simone Biles. With Usain Bolt and Michael Phelps both retired since the last Olympics in Rio de Janeiro, the U.S. gymnast will be the face of the games for much of the world.

In gymnastics, no one else comes close. Biles won five of the six gold medals at last week's world championships and broke the all-time record of 25 medals by any gymnast, male or female.

"She's just above anything else that we have seen in the sport," five-time Olympic gold medalist Nadia Comaneci said of Biles on Sunday, praising "the domination that she has toward all the other gymnasts that competed here."

Biles has not just got the talent. She's got the character of an Olympic star.

There's the laser-like focus on training, the same easygoing humor which endeared the world to Bolt, and — crucially in the modern era — a savvy social-media style.

International Olympic Committee president Thomas Bach said Sunday that Biles' star status would make gymnastics a must-see event at the Tokyo Olympics.

"You can have legends confirming their status as we have just seen with Simone Biles, this amazing performance there on the beam, but you also have new stars," he said. "Gymnastics has all the ingredients to be top another time, I must say. A top Olympic event in Tokyo."

Despite its dispute with Biles over the scoring for her new double-double beam dismount — its grade was lessened in part so as not to encourage less-skilled gymnasts to attempt the risky move — the International Gymnastics Federation knows Biles is crucial to the sport.

Labeling her "wonder woman" and "a hero," FIG president Morinari Watanabe is keen for Biles not to retire after the Tokyo

Olympics. "I hope she will continue after 2020, because she is an excellent athlete," he said Sunday.

Biles is certainly the only athlete who could pull off her look in training at the U.S. nationals in August. She caused a stir with a leotard bearing her surname and a goat's head picked off in sequins, a nod to "Greatest Of All Time."

Few disagree, but Biles hasn't yet won everyone over.

"There's no need to turn her into some unbeatatable queen. If I was 15 years younger, I'd definitely take the fight to the American," the Russian gymnast Svetlana Khorkina said in comments on the Russian Olympic Committee website Thursday.

Khorkina won 20 world championship medals between 1994 and 2001 and held the women's record until Biles overtook her Tuesday.

One record is likely to remain out of Biles' reach, however. Soviet gymnast Larisa Latynina won a record 15 Olympic medals between 1956 and 1964. Biles won five Olympic medals in Rio de Janeiro, and could add six more next year in Tokyo, but appears highly unlikely to stick around until the 2024 Olympics.

However, there's another record to aim for. Matching her world championship performance from last week would make Biles the first female gymnast to win five gold medals at a single Olympics, and the first female athlete to do so in any sport since East German swimmer Kristin Otto in 1988.

After Biles pioneered a new beam dismount and triple-double on the floor this season, her coach Laurent Landi says he favors refining her existing routines for the Olympics over adding yet more upgrades.

"I can find plenty of [upgrades], but you need to be realistic and only the medals count at the end," he said. "We don't need to show off everything we can do."

## Ten-Miler winners Lalang, Kibet share long history

BY KYLE MELNICK  
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — If it weren't for Lawi Lalang, Elvin Kibet's running career never may have gotten a jump-start.

When Lalang and Kibet were teenagers in Kenya, Arizona associate head track coach James Li visited the country to watch Lalang run a time trial. Kibet was also at the track that day, and Li kept an eye on Kibet, who had just picked up running.

Li became impressed with both, and Lalang and Kibet starred on Arizona's cross-country and track and field teams. Then, a few years after they graduated, Lalang and Kibet joined the Army.

On Sunday morning, Lalang and Kibet were the top finishers at the Army Ten-Miler in the men's and women's races, respectively. Lalang finished in 48 minutes 38 seconds, while Kibet ran 54:05.

The Army Ten-Miler, celebrating its 35th anniversary, is a 10-mile race that starts and ends near the Pentagon. The race, sponsored by the U.S. Army Military District of Washington, spans Washington. About 35,000 runners participated Sunday, making it the world's third-largest 10-mile road race, according to event staff.

"This is actually a dream come true for me," said Kibet, 29. "I came from a very humble background. I came to this country and so many doors opened up for me. For me, being in the Army is

giving back to the community."

Growing up, Kibet watched two of her older sisters star in track. One of Kibet's sisters, Sylvia, won a silver medal in the 5,000 meters at the 2009 IAAF world championships. Another sister, Hilda, was one of the world's fastest 10,000-meter runners in 2009.

Kibet didn't consider joining them.

"I thought it was their thing," Kibet said.

That changed when Kibet was 19. Kibet's sisters explained that she could obtain a running scholarship in the United States while getting an education. So Kibet started running. She hated it at first, but after a few weeks, she fell in love with the sport.

After Kibet's time trial with Li, she said Li was unmoved. But after reviewing video of Kibet running, Li saw potential and offered her a scholarship. She became a six-time all-American before graduating in 2015.

Kibet joined the Army just over a year ago as a financial management technician. She has kept up her training while at Fort Carson in Colorado.

Earlier this year, Kibet cried when she wore her Army race singlet for the first time, honored to represent the military. Racing while thousands of American supporters cheered made Sunday's win more special for her.

"I was like, 'I want to be a part of something bigger,'" said Kibet, a member of the World Class Athlete Program. "I'm actually running for something."

Kibet wasn't just excited about the race. This weekend was her first time visiting Washington, so she planned to view the White House on Sunday afternoon.

"For me, it's humbling and an honor to be part of this," Kibet said. "I've always dreamed about doing something special."

Lalang, 28, still trains with Kibet in Colorado. He and his roommate, Benard Keter, entered Sunday's race aiming to place as the top men's runners. They accomplished that with ease.

Keter, 27, placed second behind Lalang in 49:04, high-fiving spectators before crossing the finish line. While Keter stuck with Lalang for parts of the race, Lalang said he broke away around the seven-mile mark.

"I was ready for this race," said Lalang, an Army specialist. "I wanted to challenge myself a little bit. I wanted to show the soldiers running a 10-miler in under five-minute pace is possible."

Lalang said he has run in competitive races the past 10 years, but Sunday's was one of the most notable because of the fans' patriotism. Many competitors ran in honor of late family and friends in the Army, donning their names and faces on shirts.

"When I see those flags," Lalang said, "it motivates me."

While humid weather slowed runners the past two years, participants said they benefited from cooler temperatures Sunday. Kibet ran close to 2½ minutes faster than last year's women's winner.



JOE GROMELSKI/Stars and Stripes

**Spec. Lawi Lalang, a runner in the U.S. Army's World Class Athlete Program, crosses the finish line as the winner of the 2019 Army Ten-Miler on Sunday.**

## NFL



DAVID ZALUBOWSKI/AP

**Titans quarterback Ryan Tannehill looks to throw a pass under pressure from Broncos defensive end DeMarcus Walker during the second half on Sunday in Denver. The Broncos had seven sacks, intercepted three passes and shut out Tennessee.**

## Scoreboard

## American Conference

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New England	4	1	0	1.000	180	48
Buffalo	4	1	0	.800	90	70
N.Y. Jets	4	0	0	1.000	60	123
Miami	0	5	0	.000	42	180
South						
Indianapolis	3	2	0	.667	162	134
Jacksonville	3	2	0	.600	113	115
Detroit	2	4	0	.333	117	131
Pittsburgh	2	4	0	.333	98	92
Tennessee	0	6	0	.000	33	121
North						
Baltimore	4	2	0	.667	184	140
Cleveland	2	4	0	.333	120	154
Cincinnati	1	5	0	.167	97	159

Kansas City	4	2	0	.667	172	144
Oakland	3	2	0	.600	103	123
Denver	2	4	0	.333	111	160
L.A. Chargers	2	4	0	.333	128	118

## National Conference

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Dallas	4	1	0	.800	153	114
Philadelphia	3	3	0	.500	161	149
Seattle	3	3	0	.500	137	185
Washington	1	5	0	.167	90	167
South						
New Orleans	4	0	0	1.000	172	122
Carolina	4	2	0	.667	166	133
Atlanta	1	5	0	.167	135	186
North						
Green Bay	4	1	0	.800	119	93
Minnesota	4	2	0	.667	150	93
Chicago	1	5	0	.167	97	95
West						
San Francisco	5	0	0	1.000	147	64
New England	3	3	0	.500	153	154
L.A. Rams	3	3	0	.500	153	154
Arizona	2	4	0	.333	147	171

## Sunday's games

New England 35, N.Y. Giants 14	San Francisco 30, L.A. Rams 7
Carolina 37, Tampa Bay 26	Houston 31, Kansas City 26
New Orleans 13, Jacksonville 6	Minnesota 38, Philadelphia 20
Washington 17, Miami 16	Baltimore 23, Cincinnati 17
Seattle 32, Cleveland 28	Arizona 34, Atlanta 33
Denver 16, Tennessee 3	Pittsburgh 24, L.A. Chargers 17
N.Y. Jets 24, Dallas 22	Open: Buffalo, Indianapolis, Chicago, Oakland

## Monday's games

Detroit at Green Bay	Thursday, Oct. 17
Kansas City at Denver	Thursday, Oct. 20
Miami at Buffalo	Sunday, Oct. 21
Atlanta at Indianapolis	Arizona at N.Y. Giants
Baltimore at Seattle	Philadelphia at Cincinnati
San Francisco at Washington	San Francisco at Chicago
Philadelphia at Dallas	Open: Tampa Bay, Cleveland, Carolina, Pittsburgh
Monday, Oct. 21	New England at N.Y. Jets

## Defense leads Broncos past Titans

DENVER — On a day the Denver Broncos honored their past, their current roster put on a good, old-fashioned defensive destruction of the Tennessee Titans.

The Broncos (2-4) blasted their way to seven sacks and three interceptions while sending Marcus Mariota to the bench and then stifling his backup, Ryan Tannehill, too, in a 16-0 win, their first shut-out in two years.

They allowed just 204 yards for a day they honored recent Hall of Fame inductee Champ Bailey and other members of their all-time top 100 team including Rick "Tombrone" Jackson, Dennis Smith and Karl Mecklenburg.

"I had it in my mind to put on a show for those guys," said cornerback Chris Harris Jr., whose interception just before halftime snapped Mariota's streak of 206 passes without being picked off. "Especially Champ. I told him I'd give him my football from my 20th pick."

## Broncos 16, Titans 0

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## Redskins stop 2-point attempt, earn first win

MIAMI GARDENS, Fla. — It's no surprise a matchup between winless teams was decided by a dropped pass.

Dolphins running back Kenyan Drake couldn't handle Ryan Fitzpatrick's quick throw in the flat on a 2-point conversion try with 6 seconds left, allowing the Redskins to escape with their first victory of the year.

Drake had four defenders between him and the end zone and probably wouldn't have scored even if he had secured the ball.

Redskins rookie Terry McLaughlin caught two touchdown passes, and veteran Adrian Peterson more than doubled his season rushing total with 118 for Bill Callahan in his first game as interim coach.

## Redskins 17, Dolphins 16

Was—McLaughlin 32 pass from Keenum (Hopkins kick), 11:34.

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## Saints quiet Minshew Mania, handle Jaguars

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — Minshew Mania didn't have a prayer against New Orleans.

Rookie quarterback Gardner Minshew was harassed, hurried and humbled by the Saints in his worst performance of the season coming just a few hours after Pope Francis accidentally tweeted support for the visiting team.

"Today we give thanks to the Lord for our new #Saints," Pope Francis tweeted.

The hashtag and capitalization inadvertently added the emblem associated with the Saints.

The Saints took it from there, holding Minshew without a touchdown pass for the first time in six games and limiting the Jaguars to a season-low 226 yards.

"I told our defense I felt like if they played eight games they were not going to score a touchdown today," Saints coach Sean Payton said.

## Saints 13, Jaguars 6

New Orleans 13, Jacksonville 6.

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## Cardinals beat Falcons after Bryant's PAT miss

GLENDALE, Ariz. — Arizona's Kliff Kingsbury said he didn't even bother to watch Matt Bryant's extra point attempt near the end of the fourth quarter.

The Cardinals coach was too busy trying to figure out what his offense was going to run during the minute and 53 seconds left in the game.

The way it worked out, Kingsbury could have relaxed.

Bryant missed the extra point, and Arizona escaped with a win over the Falcons behind Kyle Murray's 340 yards passing and three touchdowns.

"That's the way it goes sometimes," Arizona receiver Larry Fitzgerald said. "I feel like today we had some things that went our way."

Fitzgerald was talking about several close calls that went in favor of the Cardinals, who have now won two straight games.

Damiere Byrd looked like he might have fumbled after a 58-yard catch, but the call was upheld after a review. Murray ran for a first down on the game's final drive on a play that was close to being short of the marker, but that review was also confirmed.

Even with those advantages, Atlanta could have tied the game with 1:53 left after Matt Ryan hit Devonta Freeman on a 12-yard touchdown pass. But the 44-year-old Ryan missed the extra point, and the Cardinals ran out the clock from there.

"These kinds of games never come down to one play," Ryan said. "Everybody in the locker room can look at four or five things they did throughout the game that we could have done better, that we could have been in a different situation at the end of the game."

## Cardinals 34, Falcons 33

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## NFL



DAVID RICHARD/AP

Seattle Seahawks quarterback Russell Wilson runs for a touchdown during Sunday's 32-28 win over the Browns in Cleveland.

## Wilson rallies Seahawks past sloppy Browns

Associated Press

CLEVELAND — As rap music thumped from the large sound-system speakers sitting atop lockers at one end of the room, several Seattle players stood on their chairs and danced.

This was their party.

On the road, the Seahawks make themselves at home.

Russell Wilson threw two TD passes and ran for one, Seattle's defense forced four turnovers and Chris Carson scored on a 1-yard touchdown run with 3:30 left as the Seahawks rallied for a 32-28 win Sunday over the mistake-prone Browns.

The Seahawks (5-1), who are 3-0 on the road for the first time in 39 years, gave up touchdowns on Cleveland's first three possessions before storming back.

"If we want to be a championship team, we have to win these types of game," Wilson said.

He connected with wide receiver Aaron Brown on his scoring passes, and Seattle's cool quarterback scampered 16 yards for a TD. The Seahawks, who have shown a knack for winning tight games, were tied unbeaten in their first three road games in 1980, when they went 4-12.

"These guys are all together," said Seattle coach Pete Carroll. "They're committed. They care, and they're playing for each other."

The Browns (2-4) were hurt by their own misuses. They couldn't overcome three interceptions, a fumble, blocked punt or quarterback Baker Mayfield's hip injury. Mayfield's three picks raised

### Seahawks 32, Browns 28

Seattle 6 12 7 3-28  
Cleveland 14 6 0 9-28

**First Quarter**

Cle—Chubb 17 run (Seibert kick), 13:01.

Sea—R. Wilson 16 run (kick failed), 8:52.

Cle—Mayfield 10 run (Seibert kick), 4:43.

**Second Quarter**

Cle—Seals-Jones 31 pass from Mayfield (kick failed), 14:55.

Sea—FG Myers 38, 10:46.

Sea—FG Myers 20, 7:25.

Sea—Brown 17 pass from R. Wilson (run failed), 2:22.

**Third Quarter**

Sea—Brown 6 pass from R. Wilson (Myers kick), 5:00.

**Fourth Quarter**

Cle—Chubb 3 run (Harris pass from Mayfield), 9:02.

Sea—Carson 1 run (Myers kick), 3:30.

A—67, 431.

**First downs** Sea 19 Cle 21

**Total Net Yards** Sea 38-170 Cle 24-87

**Rushes-yards** Sea 38-170 Cle 24-87

**Passing** Sea 284 249

**Punt Returns** Sea 0-0 Cle 1-5

**Kickoff Returns** Sea 1-21 Cle 2-102

**Interceptions** Sea 3-18 Cle 0-0

**Comp-Att-Int** Sea 23-40 Cle 22-37

**Sacked-Yards Lost** Sea 3-11 Cle 0-0

**Fumbles-Lost** Sea 4-39 Cle 1-23

**Penalties-Yards** Sea 10-65 Cle 9-83

**Time of Possession** Sea 33:01 Cle 26:19

**INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS**

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**PASSING**—Seattle: R. Wilson 23-32-0-295. Cleveland, Mayfield 22-37-3-248.

**RECEIVING**—Seattle: Lockett 5-75, Metcalf 4-69, Carson 4-35, Moore 3-36, J. Brown 3-29, Wilson 2-16, Bellone 1-10, Prosise 1-15, Cleveland, Beckham 6-101, Chubb 5-17, Seals-Jones 3-47, Landry 3-36, Callaway 2-22, Hilliard 2-17, P. Brown 1-9.

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# Ravens beat winless Bengals

## Jackson runs for 152 yards, throws for 236

Associated Press

BALTIMORE — Lamar Jackson presented the Cincinnati Bengals with a can't-win dilemma: Try to prevent the versatile quarterback from running, or stop him from passing?

Turns out, Cincinnati was powerless to do either.

Jackson rambled, shimmied and passed his way through the winless Bengals while guiding the Baltimore Ravens to a 23-17 victory on Sunday.

Alternatingly jutting left and right, up the middle and occasionally toward the sideline, Jackson carried 19 times (including three kneel-downs at the end). His most notable runs were a 36-yarder on the opening drive, a 21-yard score and a 16-yard foray up the middle on a third-and-14 in the fourth quarter.

"I want to win. If I have to run, I do it," Jackson said. "Today, that's what it was. Sometimes I had to pass, sometimes I had to run."

Regardless of where Jackson went, the Bengals (0-6) were usually a step behind.

"It's hard because you got all your skill guys covering down the field, eyes on their man," safety Jesse Bates said. "And then you got the D-line, and they're just rushing against basically a running back. It's pretty tough."

The Bengals (0-6) aren't the only team to struggle against Jackson, the 2016 Heisman Trophy winner.

Jackson now has three career 100-yard rushing games, tied with Billy Kilmer for most by a



NICK WASS/AP

Quarterback Lamar Jackson scrambles against the Cincinnati Bengals during the second half of the Ravens' 23-17 victory on Sunday in Baltimore.

quarterback in his first two seasons since 1950. Jackson's first 100-yard game came last November against Cincinnati, in his first NFL start.

In this one, Jackson avoided trouble when possible but also took a few hard hits when forced to stay between the hash marks.

"The most frustrating thing for the defense is, you got the play covered — and he just finds (space)," Bengals coach Zac Taylor said. "He's an elite athlete. We've played a couple good athletes, (but) he's one of the rarest I've ever seen in person. Just one little crease and he's got 30 yards on you."

Jackson became the first quar-

### Ravens 23, Bengals 17

Cincinnati 7 3 0 7-17  
Baltimore 14 3 3 3-23

**First Quarter**

Cin—Wilson 92 kickoff return (Bullock kick), 14:48.

Bal—L. Jackson 21 run (Tucker kick), 11:28.

**Second Quarter**

Bal—Ingram 1 run (Tucker kick), 4:01.

Cin—FG Tucker 40, 14:48.

Bal—FG Bullock 22, 2:25.

**Third Quarter**

Bal—FG Tucker 49, 20:25.

**Fourth Quarter**

Bal—FG Tucker 21, 3:46.

Cin—Dalton 2 run (Bullock kick), 1:28.

A—70,051.

**First downs** Cin 18 Bal 26

**Total Net Yards** Cin 250 Bal 43

**Rushes-yards** Cin 14-33 Bal 49-269

**Passing** Cin 217 228

**Punt Returns** Cin 0-0 Bal 1-8

**Kickoff Returns** Cin 3-142 Bal 0-0

**Interceptions Ret.** Cin 0-0 Bal 1-4

**Comp-Att-Int** Cin 21-39-1 21-33-0

**Sacked-Yards Lost** Cin 2-18 Bal 1-8

**Fumbles-Lost** Cin 5-40-2 Bal 2-4-2

**Penalties-Yards** Cin 4-20 Bal 10-81

**Time of Possession** Cin 20:18 Bal 39:42

**INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS**

**RUSHING**—Cincinnati, Erickson 1-17, Edwards 8-10, Bernard 4-4, Dalton 2-13, Baltimore, Jackson 19-152, Ingram 12-39-1, Wilson 2-13-1, Dalton 2-13-1, 235. Baltimore, L. Jackson 21-33-0-236.

**PASSING**—Cincinnati, Tate 5-9-1, Erickson 4-47, Boyd 3-10, Smith 2-29, Uzonm 2-26, Bernard 2-20, Elert 2-13, Sample 1-minus 1, Baltimore, Andrews 6-9-1, Sneed 1-18, Boykin 2-28, Roberts 2-3, Ingram 2-22, Boyle 2-18, Moore 2-18, Ricard 1-6, H. Hurst 1-4.

**MISSED FIELD GOALS**—None.

terback in the Super Bowl era to pass for at least 200 yards and rush for 150 in a single game. Tapering off his downfield runs at the end, Jackson finished tantalizingly short of Michael Vick's single-game record of 173 yards rushing by a quarterback.

"To his credit, he's all about winning the game," Ravens coach John Harbaugh said. "Setting records is not what he's thinking about now."

Jackson was also adept when throwing, going 21 for 33 without an interception. But on this day, his legs counted most.

# Hodges guides Steelers to victory

Associated Press

## Steelers 24, Chargers 17

Pittsburgh 14 7 0 24-17  
LA Chargers 14 0 0 17-17

**First Quarter**

Pit—Bush 9 fumble return (Boswell kick), 10:51.

Pit—Corner 12 run (Boswell kick), 4:25.

**Second Quarter**

Pit—Corner 26 pass from Hodges (Boswell kick), 6:34.

**Third Quarter**

Pit—FG Boswell 20, 8:12.

**Fourth Quarter**

LAC—FG McLaughlin 38, 14:00.

LAC—Henry 5 pass from Rivers (McLaughlin kick), 7:13.

LAC—Henry 1 pass from Rivers (McLaughlin kick), 1:29.

A—24,245.

**First downs** Pit 18 LAC 23

**Total Net Yards** Pit 256 LAC 248

**Rushes-yards** Pit 36-124 LAC 32-142

**Passing** Pit 132 316

**Punt Returns** Pit 1-14 LAC 1-8

**Kickoff Returns** Pit 1-9 LAC 4-97

**Interceptions Ret.** Pit 2-32 LAC 1-8

**Comp-Att-Int** Pit 15-20-1 26-44-2

**Sacked-Yards Lost** Pit 0-0 LAC 1-4

**Fumbles-Lost** Pit 0-0 LAC 1-4

**Penalties-Yards** Pit 6-45 LAC 8-74

**Time of Possession** Pit 34:05 25:55

**INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS**

**RUSHING**—Pittsburgh, Snell 17-75, Conner 16-41, Hodges 3-8, Williams 1-13, Los Angeles, Rivers 26-44-2-320.

**PASSING**—Pittsburgh, Hodges 15-20-1-312, Los Angeles, Rivers 26-44-2-320.

**RECEIVING**—Pittsburgh, Conner 7-78, Smith-Schuster 1-7, McDonald 1-5, Van-Allen 1-5, Switzer 1-minus 2, Los Angeles, Gordon 8-100, M. Williams 5-72, Gordon 3-30, Ekeler 3-14, Moore 2-43, Allen 2-33, Green 1-15, G. Davis 1-13, Benjamin 1-9.

**MISSED FIELD GOALS**—Los Angeles, McLaughlin 43.

CARSON, Calif. — Pittsburgh's Devin Hodges walked into the stadium properly attired for his first NFL start. He was wearing a T-shirt with a duck on it that read "I'm The Boss," befitting his nickname and quiet confidence.

The rookie quarterback directed the Steelers offense like a boss and not a third-string rookie as he led Pittsburgh to a 24-17 victory over the Los Angeles Chargers on Sunday night.

"I liked his effort. We knew we couldn't give him a lot of exposure to that defense, so we did some things in other areas," said coach Mike Tomlin, who nicknamed Hodges "Duck Dynasty" during offseason workouts.

Hodges, who was elevated into the starting spot after Mason Rudolph suffered a concussion last week against Baltimore completed 15 of 20 passes for 132 yards with a touchdown and interception. He benefited from a strong running game and a defense that scored the game's first touchdown and forced three turnovers.

"It's nice to get a win in my first

start. It's something I have always dreamed about," said Hodges, who got the shirt for SS in Venice Beach on Saturday. "I've always had a belief in myself and it's just amazing."

It is only the fifth time in 26 games in franchise history that the Steelers have won a road game with a quarterback making his first start.

James Conner had his first game with both a rushing and receiving touchdown and accounted for 119 scrimmage yards (41 rushing, 78 receiving). He suffered a quad injury during the third quarter and did not return.

On defense, Devin Bush recovered a pair of turnovers, including returning a fumble for his first NFL touchdown.

The Chargers (2-4) trailed 24-0 after three quarters but rallied to get within seven on a Chase McLaughlin field goal and two TD passes from Philip Rivers to Hunter Henry.

"We dug ourselves in a hole. I still believe in this football team. We dug ourselves in a hole and now we'll dig our way out," coach Anthony Lynn said.

NFL

# Darnold throws 2 TDs in return to Jets lineup

By DENNIS WASZAK JR.  
Associated Press

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Sam Darnold returned — and so did the New York Jets' hopes to turn around a season that was quickly unraveling without him.

Darnold gave the Jets' struggling offense a huge boost by throwing two touchdown passes in his return from mononucleosis, and New York held on to beat the Dallas Cowboys 24-22 on Sunday night for their first victory of the season.

"I'm just really, really excited for the guys in this locker room," Darnold said. "We were starving for a win."

The Jets led 21-9 in the fourth quarter, but Dak Prescott and the top-ranked Cowboys offense stormed back — and had a chance to tie in the wild closing moments.

With Dallas marching down the field, officials called six consecutive penalties during one stretch — including four on the Jets — putting the Cowboys in scoring position.

Prescott ran for a 4-yard touchdown with 43 seconds left, making it a two-point game. Going for the tie, Prescott dropped back and was quickly met by a blitzing Jamal Adams and his pass on the conversion try fell short of Jason Witten in the end zone.

The Cowboys (3-3) tried an on-side kick, but Demaryius Thomas recovered for the Jets (1-4), who won for the first time under coach Adam Gase. It was the third suc-

Jets 24, Cowboys 22		13-22	
Dallas		New York	
First Quarter	7	14	0
NYJ — Bell 2 run (Ficken kick), 3:24.			
Second Quarter			
Dal — FG Maher 50, 14:55.			
NYJ — R.Anderson 92 pass from Darnold (Ficken kick), 3:34.			
NYJ — Griffin 5 pass from Darnold (Ficken kick), 2:27.			
Dal — FG Maher 52, 10:00.			
Third Quarter			
Dal — FG Maher 32, 1:50.			
Fourth Quarter			
Dal — Elliott 8 run (Maher kick), 6:30.			
NYJ — FG Ficken 38, 3:24.			
Dal — Prescott 4 run (pass failed), :43.			
A — 78,523.			

Dal		NYJ	
First downs	36	30	
Total Net Yards	398	382	
Rushes-yards	34-129	20-56	
Passing	269	326	
Punt Returns	2-8	3-73	
Kickoff Returns	0-0	0-0	
Interceptions Ret.	1-20	0-0	
Comp-Att-Int	28-40-0	23-32-1	
Sacked-Yards Lost	1-8	2-12	
Fumbles-Lost	3-45-7	4-45-3	
Penalties-Yards	9-68	8-105	
Time of Possession	32:03	27:57	

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS	
RUSHING — Dallas, Elliott 28-105, Pollard 3-13, Prescott 3-11. New York, Bell 14-50, Powell 1-5, Darnold 5-1.	
PASSING — Dallas, Prescott 28-40-0-27. New York, Darnold 23-32-1-38.	
RECEIVING — Dallas, Austin 5-64, Witten 5-57, Elliott 5-47, C.Wilson 5-46, Gallup 4-48, Jarwin 2-5, Schultz 1-6, Cooper 1-3. New York, Crowder 6-98, R.Anderson 5-125, O.Thomas 4-62, Griffin 3-28, Montgomery 3-17, V.GSmith 1-5, Bell 1-3.	
MISSED FIELD GOALS — Dallas, Maher 40.	

cessive loss for Dallas.

"To come out here and do it in the fashion we did and the defense getting a huge step on the two-point conversion," Darnold said, "I wouldn't want it any other way."

Darnold, who missed three games while recovering from mononucleosis, finished 23 of 32 for 338 yards — including a 92-yard touchdown toss to Robby

Anderson and a 5-yarder to Ryan Griffin. Darnold had a pass intercepted by Jourdan Lewis late in the third quarter after throwing 179 consecutive passes without being picked off, dating to Week 14 of last season at Buffalo.

Le'Veon Bell also ran for a score, his first on the ground with the Jets.

The Cowboys played without starting tackles La'el Collins and Tyrion Smith, and star wide receiver Amari Cooper was sidelined most of the game with a quadriceps injury. Dallas nonetheless made it a five-point game on Ezekiel Elliott's 5-yard run with 6:30 remaining, capping an 11-play, 84-yard drive.

Sam Darnold's 38-yard field goal with 3:24 left made it 24-16, but the Cowboys had one more long drive in them.

The Jets' defense had one final stop in them.

"No one counted us to win that game," linebacker Jordan Jenkins said. "Everyone bet on the Cowboys. They thought we were going to come in and get blown out."

Prescott was 28 of 40 for 277 yards. Elliott finished with 105 yards and a TD on 28 carries.

"We're putting ourselves behind," Prescott said. "We're putting our defense in a tough spot. We're not playing complementary football. It's simple as that. We've got to start faster. We've got to get points. We've got to get touchdowns and allow our defense to play from up."

As long we have these slow starts, we're going to struggle."



STEVE LUCIANO/AP

New York Jets quarterback Sam Darnold, who missed three games while recovering from mononucleosis, completed 23 of 32 passes for 338 yards in Sunday's victory over the Dallas Cowboys.

# Cousins, Diggs help Vikings fly past Eagles

By DAVE CAMPBELL  
Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — Two weeks ago, Stefon Diggs was a dissatisfied star with a decreasing role for a Minnesota team in a mini-crisis on the passing attack.

Patience was all Diggs needed, as it turned out, to re-establish himself as a prominent receiver for Kirk Cousins and the Vikings. Cousins threw to Diggs for three of his four touchdowns, racking up a season-high 333 passing yards as the Vikings ravaged the Philadelphia Eagles secondary in a 38-20 victory Sunday.

"You never really know what it's going to come out, because you never know what defense you're going to get and what adjustments they're going to make, but as far as like starting fast early, it's always a big thing because you want to hit the ground running," said Diggs, who had 167 yards on seven catches.

Diggs scored on first-half passes that covered 51 and 62 yards, becoming the first player since



JERRY HOLT, STAR TRIBUNE/AP

**Minnesota Vikings receiver Stefon Diggs blows a kiss to the crowd after making a reception against the Philadelphia Eagles on Sunday in Minneapolis. Diggs caught 8 TD passes.**

Randy Moss in 2000 to post two TD receptions of 50-plus yards in one game for the Vikings (4-2).

"You play the game that's called," Cousins said, "and today it was an aggressive one."

Diggs' most important catch came late in the third quarter, a

double toe tap in the back of the end zone from 11 yards out that pushed the lead to 11 points after Carson Wentz and the Eagles (3-3) had pulled within 24-20 with 17 consecutive points.

The Vikings became the first team to hit the 100-yard rushing mark in the past nine games against the Eagles, who also surrendered 300-plus passing yards for the fourth time in six games. The danger presented by Dalvin Cook in the backfield and the success of Cousins at selling fakes created a wealth of play-action completions.

"They run the ball, play action, and throw the ball deep," Douglas said. "That's just what they always do."

Cousins went 22-for-29 with one sack and one interception that was, oddly enough, Diggs' fault when a sideline throw hit him in the hands, bounced off his helmet and into the air behind him for former Vikings safety Andrew Sendejo to pick off late in the second quarter.

The sign that this was not the

Eagles' day came right after that, when a fake field goal from the 21 failed with 20 seconds left. The snap to Jake Elliott left the kicker with only one receiver, well-covered tight end Dallas Goedert, and the desperation throw was tipped by Anthony Harris and intercepted by Everson Griffen.

Diggs famously made the "Minneapolis Miracle" catch to win a playoff game two years ago for the Vikings, then followed that big moment with his first 1,000-yard season in 2018, but after being targeted an average of 10 times per game last year, he had a quiet start to 2019.

Following an ugly performance two weeks ago in defeat at Chicago, Diggs skipped some team activities, drew more than \$200,000 in fines and acknowledged unspecified dissatisfaction with the direction of the offense while speaking cryptically about his desire to be with the Vikings.

Since then, the Vikings have won twice by a combined score of 66-30.

Vikings 38, Eagles 20		10-10		0-20	
Philadelphia		Minnesota		First Quarter	
Min-Thielen 6 pass from Cousins (Bailey kick), 7:43.					
Min-FG Bailey 39, 1:54.					
Second Quarter					
Phi-FG Elliott 53, 12:10.					
Min-Diggs 62 pass from Cousins (Bailey kick), 11:39.					
Min-Diggs 51 pass from Cousins (Bailey kick), 9:51.					
Phi-Sanders 32 pass from Wentz (Elliott kick), 7:00.					
Third Quarter					
Phi-Jeffery 3 pass from Wentz (Elliott kick), 12:11.					
Phi-FG Elliott 40, 6:19.					
Min-Diggs 11 pass from Cousins (Bailey kick), 12:16.					
Fourth Quarter					
Min-Cook 1 run (Bailey kick), 8:17.					
A — 66,837.					
First downs	19	26			
Total Net Yards	221-08	447			
Rushes-yards	22-108	35-122			
Passing	292	325			
Punt Returns	1-6	1-6			
Kickoff Returns	1-15	0-0			
Comp-Att-Int	26-41-2	22-29-1			
Sacked-Yards Lost	2-14	1-8			
Punts	3-43	3-40			
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	1-1			
Penalties-Yards	7-49	4-30			
Time of Possession	27:56	32:04			
RUSHING — Philadelphia, Howard 13-49, Scott 4-30, Wentz 2-23, Sanders 3-6.					
MINNESOTA — Diggs 14-63, Cook 16-41, Diggs 2-18, Thielen 1-40, Cousins 2-0.					
PASSING — Philadelphia, Wentz 25-40-1-306, Elliott 0-1-0-0. Minnesota, Cousins 22-29-1-315.					
RECEIVING — Philadelphia, Jeffery 10-76, Goedert 5-48, Eric 4-54, Agholuor 4-42, Sanders 3-6. Minnesota, Diggs 7-167, Thielen 6-57, Rudolph 3-36, L.Smith 2-29, Cook 2-13, O.Johnson 1-6, Treaswell 1-15.					
MISSED FIELD GOALS — None.					

## NFL

# Watson, Texans outduel Mahomes' Chiefs

Houston QB throws for 280 yards, TD; runs for two more

By DAVE SKRETTA  
Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — There were plenty of people standing on the Houston Texans sideline that felt they had something to prove against the Kansas City Chiefs on Sunday.

Just about all of them succeeded, too.

Deshaun Watson threw for 280 yards and a touchdown while running for two more, outdueling Chiefs counterpart Patrick Mahomes, who was famously picked two spots ahead of him in the 2017 draft.

Carlos Hyde ran for 116 yards and a touchdown against the team that traded him to Houston in the preseason, when the Chiefs decided there was no room for him in their own backfield.

Most importantly, Bill O'Brien proved he could beat a team pegged a Super Bowl contender, leading the Texans to a come-from-behind 31-24 victory after losing three of his last four to Kansas City.

"They care about the team. They seem to have fun with each other. We've just got to keep it going," said O'Brien, whose losses to the Chiefs include a postseason defeat. "We just had a really good win against a good team, but we're 4-2 and 4-2 gets you nowhere."

Better than being 3-3, though. That was still a possibility until DeAndre Hopkins made a sliding grab on fourth- and 3-from the Kansas City 27' with just under 2 minutes to go. That allowed the Texans to run out the clock and



Texans quarterback Deshaun Watson, right, stiff-arms Chiefs cornerback Kendall Fuller in Kansas City, Mo., on Sunday. Watson threw for a touchdown while rushing for two more in Houston's 31-24 win.

deal the Chiefs (4-2) their second consecutive loss — both at Arrowhead Stadium.

"It's a wonderful feeling to be able to deal with all the adversity and the up and down and flow of the game and to be able to fight for 60 minutes," Watson said. "That's what we did. We kept fighting and kept pushing and kept encouraging. This locker room, everyone is always fighting to the end regardless of the score. We don't look at the scoreboard. We're going to play 60 minutes every game."

Mahomes, hobbled once again by a sore left ankle, finished with

273 yards passing and three TDs while throwing his first interception of the season. Two of the scores went to Tyreek Hill, who returned for the first time since breaking his collarbone in a Week 1 win in Jacksonville.

"We just have to flip a few things," Chiefs coach Andy Reid said. "The margin of winning and losing in this league is minute. We were this close to coming out of this thing with a win."

It wasn't a pretty game for either side. They combined for 21 penalties totaling nearly 150 yards, and that didn't include

close to a dozen flags that were offsetting, overruled or declined.

In fact, Mahomes' first pick of the year was nearly wiped out when an official threw a flag for pass interference. But after referee Shawn Hochuli announced the penalty, the officials huddled and decided to pick up the flag in a bizarre series of events.

"It was man coverage and I saw (Travis) Kelce getting ready to do his move, so I threw it to where he was going to be and he got tackled," Mahomes said. "With how the ruling worked, they said since the ball was uncatchable it wasn't

**Texans 31, Chiefs 24**  
Houston 17 0 0 8-31  
Kansas City 7 0 7 0-24

**First Quarter**  
KC—Hill 46 pass from Mahomes (Butker kick), 11:42.  
KC—FG Butler 41, 10:19.  
KC—FG Fairbairn 44, 5:46.  
KC—Dam Williams 14 pass from Mahomes (Butker kick), 1:28.

**Second Quarter**  
Hou—D.Johnson 11 pass from Watson (kick failed), 12:15.  
Hou—Hyde 2 run (Fairbairn kick), 3:06.  
Hou—Watson 3 run (Fairbairn kick), :16.

**Third Quarter**  
KC—Hill 6 pass from Mahomes (Butker kick), 6:30.

**Fourth Quarter**  
Hou—Watson 1 run (Hopkins pass from Watson), 6:17.  
A—73.323.

	Hou	KC
First downs	35	20
Total Net Yards	417	309
Rushes-yards	41-192	11-53
Passing	280	256
Punt Returns	1-10	0-0
Kickoff Returns	1-20	5-105
Interceptions Ret.	0-0	2-0
Comp-Att-Int	30-42-2	19-35-1
Sacked-Yards Lost	0-0	1-17
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	1-1
Penalties-Yards	10-70	11-75
Time of Possession	39:48	20:12

**INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS**  
**RUSHING**—Houston, Hyde 26-116, Watson 2-42, D.Johnson 1-11, Mahomes 1-4, McCoy 8-44, Dam Williams 1-6, Thomas 1-4, Mahomes 1 (minus 1).

**PASSING**—Houston, Watson 30-42-2, 280, Kansas City, Mahomes 19-35-1-273.

**RECEIVING**—Houston, Hopkins 9-55, Fells 6-69, W.Fuller 5-44, Coutee 4-39, Atkins 3-39, D.Johnson 2-20, Hyde 1-14, Kansas City, Hill 5-80, Kelce 4-58, Hardman 4-45, Pringle 3-24, McCoy 2-0, Dam Williams 1-14.

**MISSED FIELD GOALS**—Houston, Fairbairn 46, Kansas City, Butler 50.

pass interference or something."

Reid was quick to shoulder the blame for his team's sloppy play. "I have to do a better job getting our team ready to go," he said after the Chiefs were penalized 11 times for 79 yards — three of which resulted in first downs — one week after they had 11 penalties for 125 yards in a 19-13 loss to the Indianapolis Colts.

"We need to be more disciplined than what we saw with the penalties and drops and so on. We have a lot of things we need to work on here to get turned around. We have to do it better."

# 49ers remain unbeaten with win over slumping Rams

By GREG BEACHAM  
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — The Los Angeles Rams ran the ball on their first seven consecutive plays, marching straight through San Francisco's defense for 65 yards and a touchdown. "That definitely hits you on a personal level," 49ers defensive tackle DeForest Buckner said. "I'm pretty sure a lot of guys took it personally."

The Niners' defense vowed to spend the rest of a memorable Sunday making up for that embarrassment. And with a fourth-down stop on the goal line several minutes later, San Francisco completely changed the direction of this NFC West rivalry.

Jimmy Garoppolo passed for 243 yards and ran for a touchdown, and San Francisco remained unbeaten with a dominant defensive performance in a 20-7 victory over the struggling Rams.

George Kittle had eight catches for 103 yards for the Niners (5-0), but their tenacious defense did most of the work. San Francisco held Los Angeles' offense to 157 yards in coach Kyle Shanahan's first victory over Rams coach Sean McVey in a game in which both California rivals were playing their starters.



JOHN LOCHNER/AP

Rams quarterback Jared Goff is sacked by San Francisco 49ers defensive end Solomon Thomas on Sunday in Los Angeles.

**49ers 20, Rams 7**  
San Francisco 20 7 0 10-3-20  
L.A. Rams 7 0 0 0-7

**First Quarter**  
LA—Woods 8 run (Zuerlein kick), 9:17.  
SF—Coleman 2 run (Gould kick), 3:39.

**Second Quarter**  
SF—Garoppolo 1 run (Gould kick), 12:50.

**Third Quarter**  
SF—FG Gould 34, 12:03.  
A—75.695.

	SF	LA
First downs	22	10
Total Net Yards	331	165
Rushes-yards	41-199	22-109
Passing	222	56
Punt Returns	3-38	1-5
Kickoff Returns	1-18	3-74
Interceptions Ret.	0-0	1-0
Comp-Att-Int	24-33-1	13-24-0
Sacked-Yards Lost	2-11	4-22
Fumbles-Lost	4-30-8	5-52-3
Penalties-Yards	1-1	2-1
Time of Possession	38:52	21:08

**INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS**  
**RUSHING**—San Francisco, Coleman 18-45, Breida 13-36, Mostert 4-13, Garoppolo 5-4, Samuel 1-1, Los Angeles, Brown 11-40, Henderson 6-39, Woods 2-16, Cooks 2-14, Goff 1-0.

**PASSING**—San Francisco, Garoppolo 24-33-1, 243, Los Angeles, Goff 13-24-0-78.

**RECEIVING**—San Francisco, Kittle 8-103, Breida 4-27, Pettis 3-45, Samuel 3-18, Coleman 2-16, Gooden 2-15, Boudreau 1-11, Toliello 1-8, Los Angeles, Goff 4-17, Higbee 3-25, Cooks 3-18, Everett 2-9, Henderson 1-9.

**MISSED FIELD GOALS**—San Francisco, Gould 55.

"LA has gotten after us a lot the last couple of years, so it was a game for us to come out here and just show that we are back and for real," Niners defensive lineman Solomon Thomas said.

These rivals are going in opposite directions after this one-sided showdown at the Coliseum. San Francisco stayed alongside New England as the NFL's only unbeaten teams, while the Rams (3-3) are on their first three-game losing streak of McVey's 2½-year tenure.

After enduring two miserable seasons while the Rams reached Super Bowl heights, the Niners were eager to reassert themselves in this classic NFL rivalry.

San Francisco won a defense-dominated game by thoroughly throttling the defending NFC champions' once-impressive passing game. Jared Goff went 13-for-24 for a career-low 78 yards while failing to get comfortable behind a porous offensive line, and the Rams didn't manage a completion longer than 12 yards while going 0-for-9 on third down and 0-for-4 on fourth down.

"We were running the ball so well early, and we were trying to stick with that," Goff said. "We just never really got in a rhythm. Their defense was able to settle in, and that's part of it."



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# Buzzer beater

## Correa's walk-off HR in 11th evens ALCS

By KRISTIE RIEKEN  
Associated Press

HOUSTON

**I**n a battle of the bullpens, Carlos Correa felt the greatest relief.

Injured down the stretch and slumping all month, Correa hit a leadoff, walk-off home run in the 11th inning that lifted the Houston Astros over the New York Yankees 3-2 Sunday night, tying the AL Championship Series at one game apiece.

Correa, who earlier lined an RBI double and made a sensational play at short-stop, connected for an opposite-field shot to right off J.A. Happ.

"Not playing a couple of weeks before the playoffs and then not producing for or my team offensively, obviously it's tough, getting hurt and everything," the All-Star said. "But it's all worth it for moments like this, moments like this where you give your team a chance to win every day, it's worth it, man."

Hours earlier, Correa was confident this would be the day he turned things around. About time, too, after starting out 3-for-22 in the postseason after returning from back problems.

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■ Yanks' bullpen buckles down stretch after Paxton gets hook in 3rd, Page 26

The Astros' Carlos Correa celebrates his walk-off home run against the New York Yankees in the 11th inning of Game 2 of the ALCS on Sunday in Houston. The Astros won 3-2.

Matt Stocum/AP

**'It's tough, getting hurt and everything. But it's all worth it for moments like this.'**

**Carlos Correa**  
Houston Astros SS

